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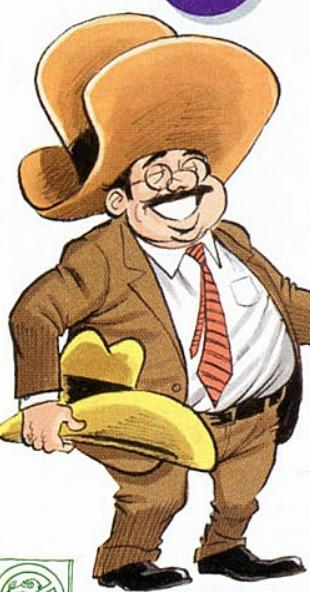
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This Channukah, my grandparents sent me *The MAD Bathroom Companion: The Mother Load*. I immediately started to read it ignoring the fact that we were having dinner. My mom told me to "put away that silly thing" so we could have a nice family dinner together. Whatever. I think it should be put out there that MAD is a necessary piece of entertainment in any stable society and should never be referred to as "silly."

Sam Berkelhammer, Louisville, CO

Berzerker — We're a little freaked out by your story. *The MAD Bathroom Companion* was meant to be enjoyed while on the toilet. Which made us wonder what else you were doing at the dinner table while reading it! You follow? If that's the case, then your mother was underreacting! —Ed.

INKING OF YOU

Hey, in memory of my father, I had this done. Is this worth a three-year subscription?

Wayne Rogers, Tempe, AZ



Roger Dodger — Thanks for sharing your touching tribute to your father. But it sounds like you got off easy. When Grandma died, we too got a tattoo of one of her favorite characters! —Ed.



Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I have been reading MAD for about three years now and I've always wanted to make a dumb wish to the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*. My dad got me a Nintendo DS for my birthday, but he didn't get me a game for it. He said if I want the game, I will have to save up my allowance, but I always blow it on MAD and Bazooka bubble gum. My DS is my only source of entertainment, and I'll have to save up for 2½ months till I get it. That's why my dumb wish is for a free lifetime subscription to MAD and maybe some Bazooka gum, but I mostly want the subscription.

Anthony Montevaldo, San Jose, CA

The Full Montevaldo — We're not much for math here at the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*, but we asked long-time writer Jeff "The Human Abacus" Kruse to crunch some numbers on your money woes before we considered granting your dumb wish. You said it would take you 2½ months to save the \$35.00 for a Nintendo DS game, which means that you get about \$14.00 a month in allowance. If all you are buying is MAD and Bazooka, that means that after you spend the \$4.00 on MAD, you're spending \$10 just on gum. A piece of Bazooka costs 5 cents, which means you chew 200 pieces of gum every month! Because we printed your letter, you'll get MAD free for one year — which, at the rate you're consuming gum, may just be a lifetime subscription! Thanks for writing the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* and we'll see you in the dentist's chair! —Ed.

A DEAR JOHN LETTER

I work in a non-retail optical lab. Our men's room has a vast collection of updated reading material. MAD seems to be always on top. Everyone knows I'm the person always restocking the collection. Everyone loves MAD. It's always new and up to date. Everyone loved the "MAD" 20 issue.

Tim Wright, Spokane, WA

Wright or Wrong — What are you guys doing in the bathroom that you need a "vast collection of updated reading material"? We're guessing not a lot of work gets done there. Do you just punch in and go straight to the crapper? Did you write this letter from there? Oh God, you're probably reading this letter from there right now! If you'll excuse us, we need to go and take a boiling hot shower now! —Ed.



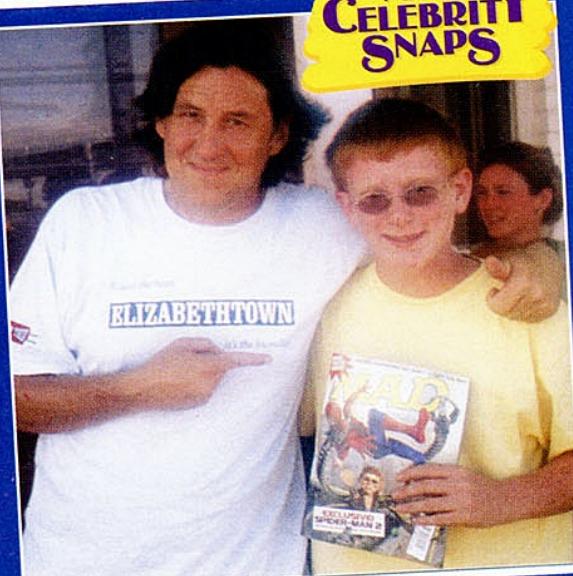
YOU'VE GOT JAIL

At age 10, I wasn't much of a reader, but my probation officer used to sneak your magazine in to me and whenever possible I still read you faithfully. I am now 52 years old and have spent close to 29 out of the last 35 years in jails and prisons. No, I'm not a murderer, bank robber or kidnapper — just a really stupid criminal. I do a lot of reading though, so would you please send me a free copy of your current issue, as I'll be here for a while now.

Daniel Gaines, Spokane, WA

Oh Danny Boy — It's funny you should write. In a recent reader poll, it was revealed that 60% of our readership was either in jail or awaiting incarceration. We're glad that your love for our magazine goes nearly as far back as your love for breaking the law. Thanks for writing and see you at the parole hearing! —Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



I snagged this photo with director Cameron Crowe on the set of *Elizabethtown*. I told him, being the typical teenager, sometimes I don't always have enough cash to buy MAD as soon as it hits the newsstand. He agreed that winning a three-year subscription sounded very resourceful!

Josh Barnett, Campbellsburg, KY

Josh Pit — As far we're concerned, everybody in your town deserves some kind of gift for having that movie filmed there, so we're happy to send you a subscription. We just have one question, though. You're a 13-year-old boy, why are you chasing around middle-aged directors instead of trying to cozy up to that luscious Kirsten Dunst? Thanks for the snap! —Ed.

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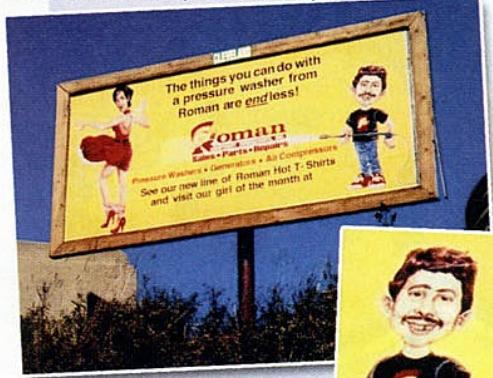
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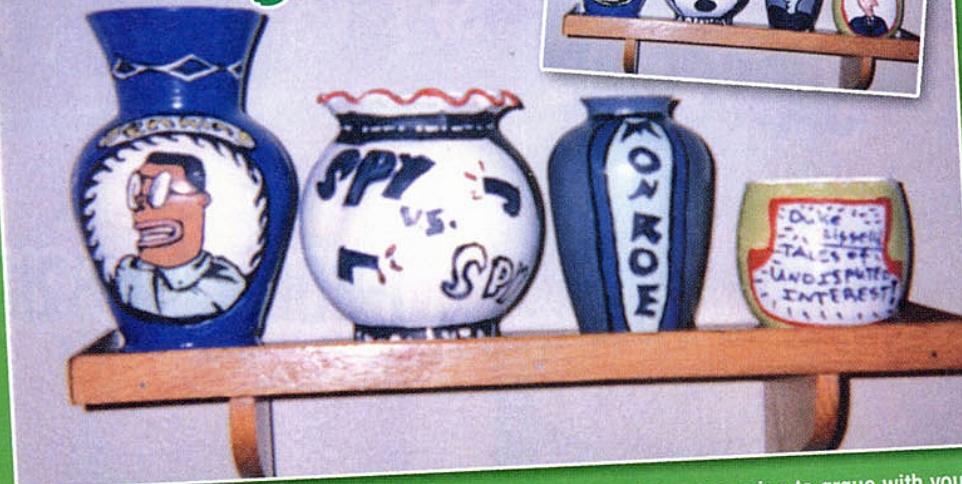
They say that "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," so in the case of this billboard, maybe you should be flattered? But did Roman Equipment really think that a mustache alone could actually disguise that famous face? For your own peace of mind, the billboard is no longer up!

Brian Chalmers, Cleveland, OH



Prince Chalmers — That's all well and good, but we won't have peace of mind until we get that image of Alfred with the '70s pornstar 'stache out of our heads! —Ed.

The Big Easel



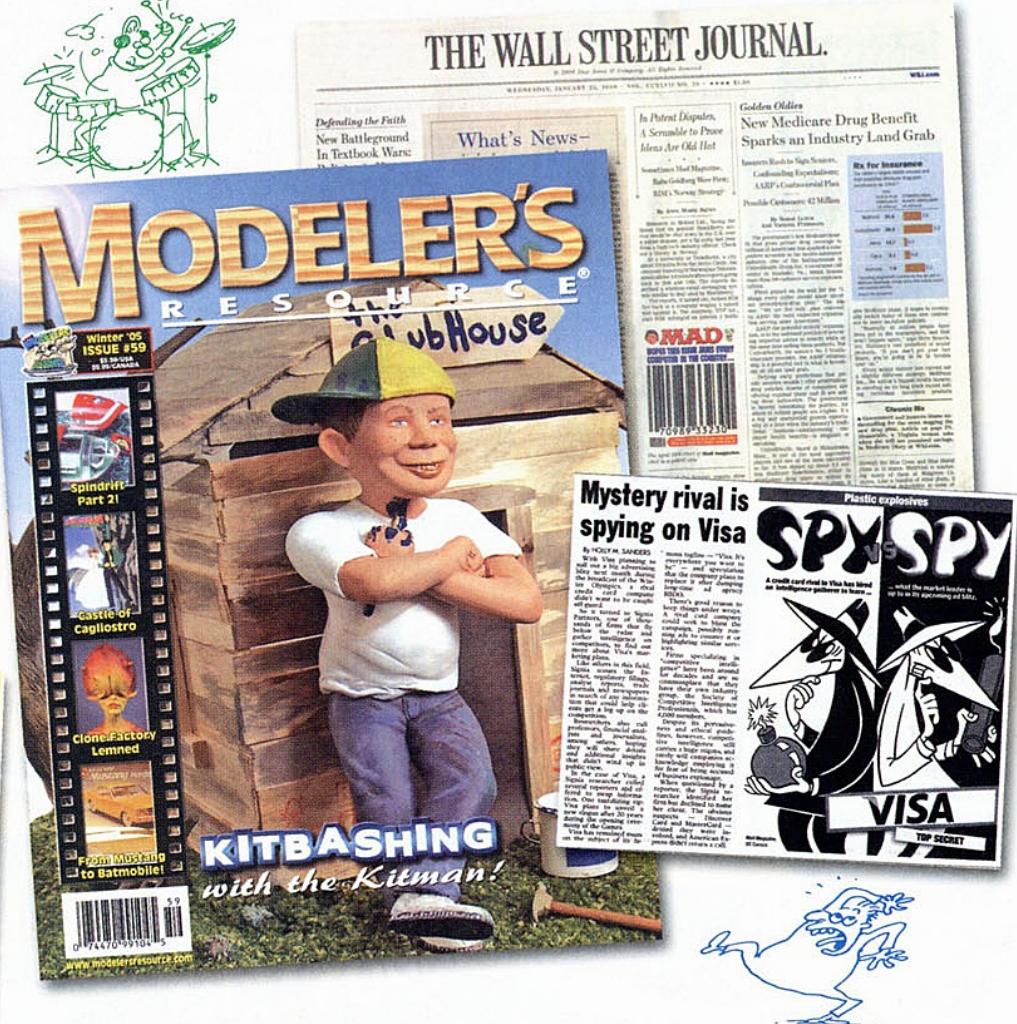
It would brighten my dull little Idahoan life to have pictures of the vases I painted (more like wasted three hours on) printed in your crappy piece of crap you call a magazine, er, I mean, your glorious finely-made publication!

Karen Lilly, Boise, ID

Lilly Pad — We were going to argue with your assessment of our magazine, but judging by your art, we now realize you're something of an authority when it comes to crap. Three hours? Does that include the time it took to make the shelf? See ya at the kiln! —Ed.

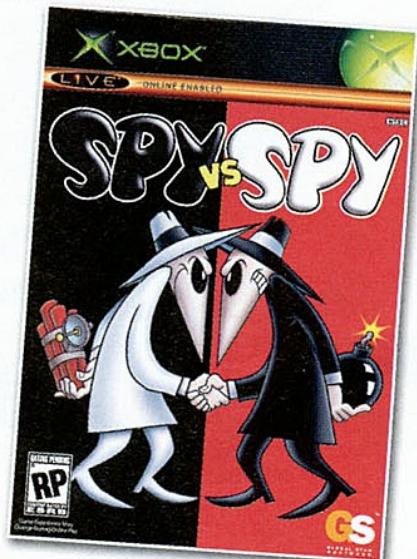
MAD IN THE MEDIA

Recently, MAD pulled off a hat trick of media exposure when we got a half-page picture in the *New York Post*, an above-the-fold write-up in the *Wall Street Journal* and — most prestigiously — the cover of *Modeler's Resource*! Take that, Brangelina!



READER ALERT

Everyone that had their letters printed on this month's Letters Page will receive arguably the greatest videogame ever produced in the history of videogames — *Spy Vs. Spy* for Xbox, courtesy of our "friends" at Take2 Games. For those unlucky readers who didn't manage to win a copy of the game, take heart, it's on sale now!



READER ALERT II

If you feel you've gotten as good as you possibly can at air guitar and are ready to take that all-important next step, have we got a contest for you! The winner receives an Epiphone SG™ special electric player pack which includes an amplifier, tuner, instructional DVD and more — courtesy of our friends at Gibson. To enter, print your name, complete address and e-mail address on a 3x5 card. Mail it to: MAD's Gibson Guitar Sweepstakes, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, Room 311, New York, NY 10019. Only one entry per person. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. See official rules at www.madmag.com!

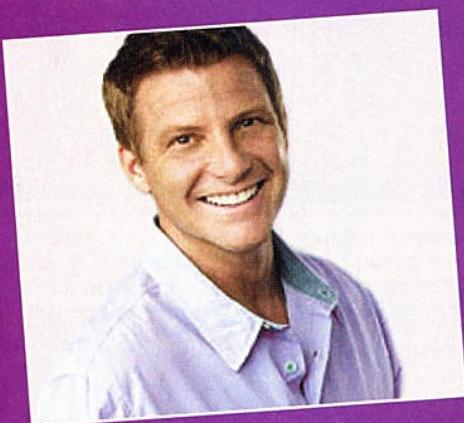


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If you make a bread sandwich, does it take two or three slices of bread? — Dwarzilla...I can swallow whole lava lamps, but only the pink ones! — Merrick Cohen.



MAD'S 2-QUESTION INTERVIEW



We're delighted to continue our proud tradition of the MAD 2-Question Interview! This issue's victim is Doug Savant, who plays Tom Scavo on *Desperate Housewives*!



QUESTION ONE: Do you have a moment for two questions from MAD Magazine?



DOUG: Wow, MAD! Seriously? I love MAD!



QUESTION TWO: Great! Ready for question two?



DOUG: Oh yeah! Absolutely!



Thank you for taking part in MAD's 2-question interview!

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Interview conducted by Vic Arkoff

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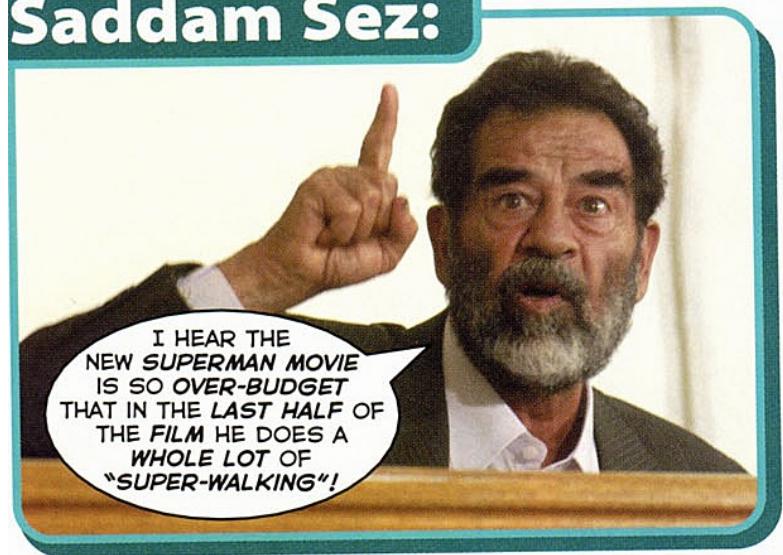
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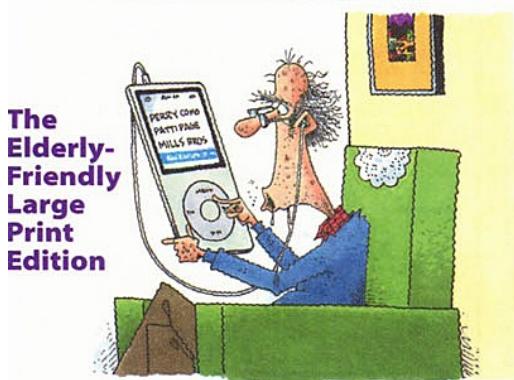
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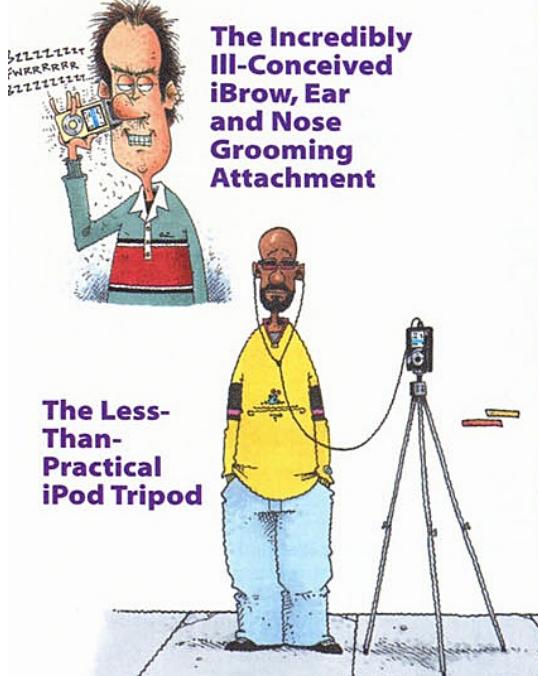


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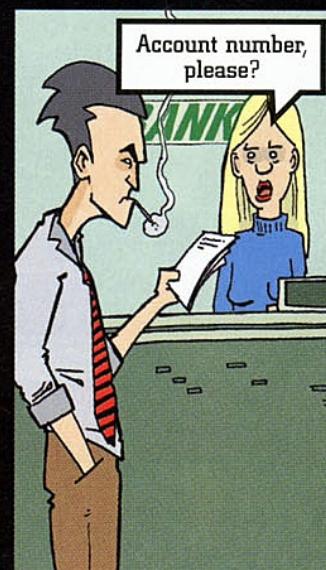
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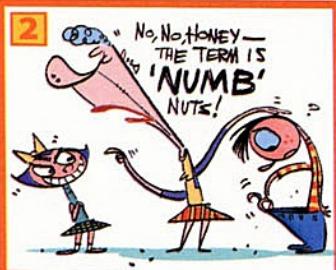
Hey, I've still got it – and, believe me, the ladies notice. As a matter of fact, just yesterday three different women asked me for my number!

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When you run home crying after getting your ass kicked by a bully, your father doesn't respond quite as vengefully as you'd hoped.



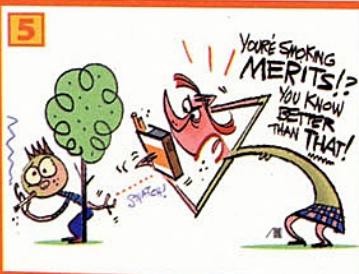
After your annoying little sister calls you "dumb nuts," your mom's reprimand seems a little bit weak.



You're beginning to suspect that dad's been playing catch with someone else behind your back.



Last Thanksgiving, your mom made you sit at the "kids' table"—even though you were the only kid there.



Your mom caught you smoking, and all she berated you about was your poor choice of brand.

If you're a keen teen lookin' for awesome advice, then just...

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...wife of our beloved Vice President. For candid counseling on sensitive subjects, Mrs. Cheney always has your best interests at heart.



Dear Mrs. 2nd Lady:

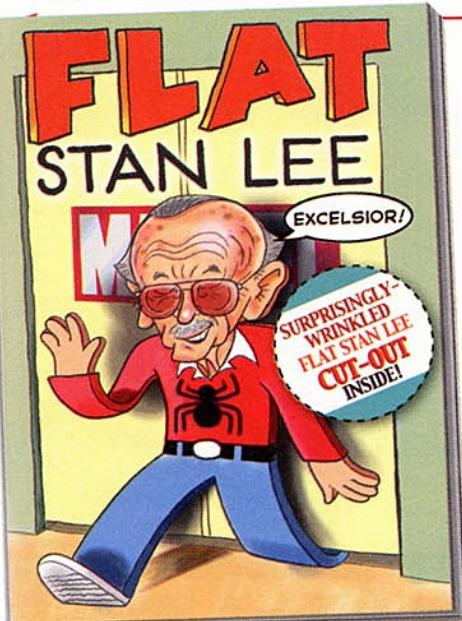
My Dad was laid off from his job three months ago and he hangs around the house all of the time now. He keeps yelling at me for no reason and blames me for everything that goes wrong. He makes me feel so terrible, I swear, I could kill myself. Nothing I do is good enough. Please, is there something I can say to him to make him see I'm not the problem?

—Very Upset

Dear V.U.:

It sounds like your Dad is going through a tough time, but he'll get over it. I'm more concerned about how you're doing. Are you really, really serious about killing yourself? I ask because the other night, Dick was saying how great the war was going, but then wondered aloud just how much better it would go if WE had OUR OWN suicide bombers. So, if you are really serious about this suicide business, you could make yourself some really good money (at least for a while) as you learn all about modern explosive techniques. Plus you could teach your sourpuss Pa a lesson about blaming you for everything that he won't soon forget. Wouldn't that be "awesome"?! What do you say?

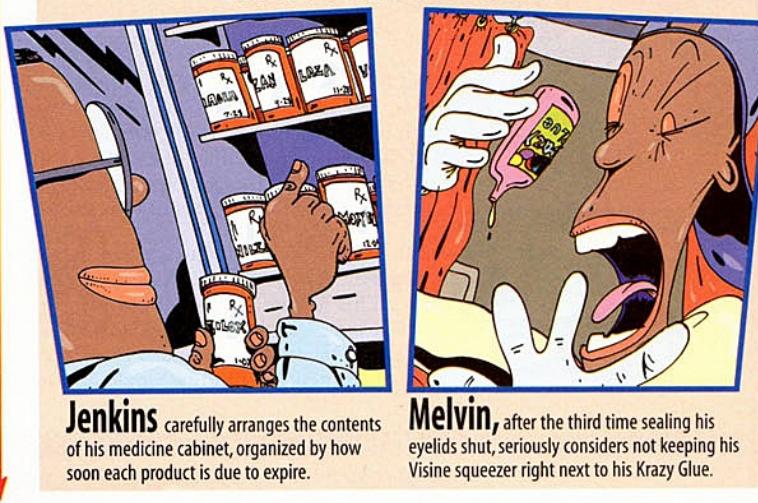
Remember! If you're an angst-ridden adolescent with a prickly problem, don't hesitate to ASK LYNNE CHENEY.



NEW IN BOOKSTORES!

Marvel Comics finds yet another way to suck money out of the comic-loving public with this blatant rip-off of the classic children's book, *Flat Stanley*. When the octogenarian Spider-Man creator is crushed by an artist's drafting table, he's left only a half-inch thick! This disturbing book follows Flat Stan Lee's adventures as he goes for a ride in John Romita Jr.'s portfolio, gets mixed in with the pages of next month's *X-men* and contemplates suicide as he's haphazardly kicked around the San Diego ComicCon.

MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO PERSONAL HEALTH



Jenkins carefully arranges the contents of his medicine cabinet, organized by how soon each product is due to expire.

Melvin, after the third time sealing his eyelids shut, seriously considers not keeping his Visine squeezer right next to his Krazy Glue.

WHAT'S ON OSAMA BIN LADEN'S BOOKSHELF?

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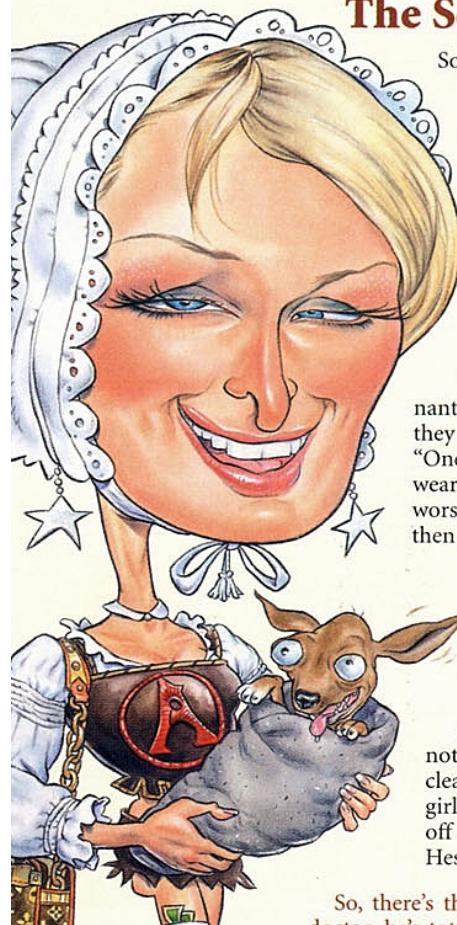
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Fatwas for Dummies



The Scarlet Letter as told by Paris Hilton

So, there was, like, this chick, okay? Her name's Hester Prynne, whatever kind of name that is. Can you imagine if the name "Hester Prynne" popped up on my cell phone? I'd be all like, "Eww, gross!"

Anyway, this Hester was married to this rich doctor who had access to like, tons of good drugs. It's not like she was born some rich hotel heiress, so if she hadn't married him she probably would have had to WORK for a living. So NOT hot. And the doctor is all old, he's like...thirty or something. I know, right? So anyway, they move to Boston but they take separate private ships and his, like, doesn't show up. He probably took his boat to St. Bart's, which is such an awesome place!

The thing is, even though he's been gone for a while, Hester gets pregnant. She totally cheated on his old, skanky ass! So hot. But, like, back then, they didn't have camcorders, so, ya know, no one can figure out who spent "One Night in Hester." And they are totally angry about it. So they make her wear this big scarlet "A" on her chest, everywhere she goes, which is like, the worst thing you can do to anyone — make them wear the same thing more than once. I would just die.

And Hester has this baby, it's name is like Pearl or Oyster or Apple or something totally unique but not nearly as cool as, like, a city (she wishes she had a cool name like a city). And Pearl is totally obsessed with the red "A," which is sort of like how my chihuahua Tinkerbell is obsessed with the LV logo on all my Louis Vuitton stuff.

So then there's this Reverend Dimmesdale, who's like, totally weak and not my type, but he's acting all nice to Hester, and then it becomes sort of clear that he's the guy she cheated with! I can't believe how awesome this girl is, I mean, even I've never slept with a reverend! But he's totally getting off scot-free and not even having to go to court over the fact that he's sold Hester out and let her be punished.

So, there's this doctor taking care of Dimmy, and it turns out he's not just any doctor, he's totally Hester's long-lost husband! But now his name is Chillingworth, which is funny, 'cause he really needs to chill! So he examines Dimmesdale and on his chest there's a big Scarlet "A." I would have thought that he had gotten drunk and gone cow-tipping and accidentally got branded, but apparently he did it to himself and so now Chillingworth knows about him and Hester and is like, totally pissed.

But, like, before Chillingworth can do anything, Dimmesdale totally confesses and then, get this, he drops dead. And then a little while later, Chillingworth dies too, and leaves all his money to Pearl! If only everyone who did something bad to you would drop dead and leave you money. Like that jerk who hacked my cell phone. Or who stole Tinkerbell. Or who put that video up on the Internet. They should all die and I should get all the profits. For me, that would be a totally hot ending.

FORMS OF TORTURE STILL ALLOWED UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION

Listening to an endless loop of the pitch for *Legally Blonde 3*

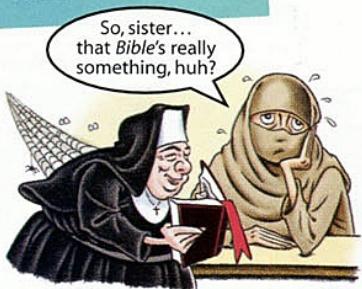
You ready for this? OK, Elle leaves the law practice to become an oncologist...who wears pink!



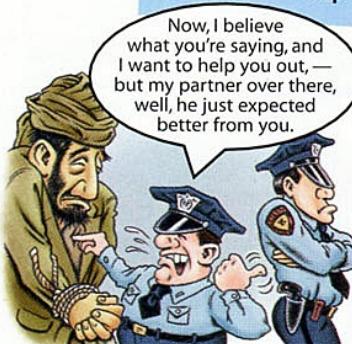
The static-electric chair



Forced small talk with a nun



Good Cop/Just Disappointed Cop



Cat-nap deprivation





THE TALE OF THE APE DEPT.

After directing *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, Peter Jackson has kept his streak alive with *King Kong*! He took another classic story and turned it into a bloated, boring, endless movie! Sure, it was a timeless film that didn't need remaking — but leave it to Petey to go ahead anyway and give us...

KING

Cad Denim, director, at your service! Everything's in place! I have a screenwriter who's barely written a word of the script! I have an unknown vaudeville star I just found roaming the streets unemployed!

I have a studio that's trying to have me hauled off to jail for embezzlement!

And I've been passing bad checks to everyone I meet! All in all, I'd say I've never been in better shape! God, I love showbiz!

As Pressing, Cad's cameraman, it's my job to get everything he wants on film! And when I say "everything" I mean he wants nothing edited out! We call it the "Peter Jackson" approach to filming! If you make the audience sit through it all, sooner or later they're bound to see *something* they like!

I knew I never should have taken a job writing for a low-rent director like Cad!

The creep! I want it known that I don't spend my entire time writing crap like this for the screen! I'm much more professional than that! I prefer writing crap like this for the Broadway stage! Why didn't I listen to my mother and stick with playing the piano! I bet I could have won an Academy Award!

I know I'm going to love working with Cad Denim! Right off the bat he told me I don't belong on the stage, but in the movies! He said my one-dimensional personality is perfect for the flat screen! I mean, if that isn't supportive, what is?...Holy cow! They told me my leading man would be tall and dark, but my God... I better insist on wearing my heels!

I'm the star in this epic! I know I'm truly handsome, but let me set the record straight! I'm more than a pretty face! I've also got a great body! Even though I'm a lot prettier than Gam Sorrow, the best thing I've got in my favor is that I'm not your typical giant ape's type — unless, of course, besides coming out from behind the giant wall, the ape also plans on coming out of the closet!

I'm the youngest deckhand on board and this is my first voyage! I'm learning so much from Captain Foghorn! For instance, I always thought a ship used the anchor to hold it in place! Now I see you just run it up on a pile of rocks when you want it to stop! Who knew?

KORN!

I wonder if this could be Shill Island? I wish they would have marked this secret map with a "you are here" arrow! I'm a Captain of a ship, not a mind reader! I owe it to my crew never to put them in harm's way.

but I don't see anything around here that looks risky — deserted huts, human remains scattered all over, a giant wall obviously built to contain some mammoth beast — just a typical Pacific Island paradise!

Finally another camera crew coming to this uncharted island! It's about time! Jobs for me are few and far between — the original in 1933, the crappy remake in 1976, and now this one, which looks like it may outcrash that last one! I just hope no one realizes my Screen Actors Guild card has expired!

I'm the senior deckhand of this rust bucket!

As old as it is, it's pretty darn safe! That's why we only have one life preserver, one life boat and one life jacket! It gives people confidence to know we're confident we'll never use that stuff! Besides, it gives us more cargo space for our gallons and gallons of chloroform!

Why we need so much of it is beyond me!

This screenplay alone is enough to put everyone to sleep — including a 25-foot ape!

Okay, Survivors, in this Immunity Challenge both tribes will engage in a tug of war barefoot on jagged rocks and broken glass!

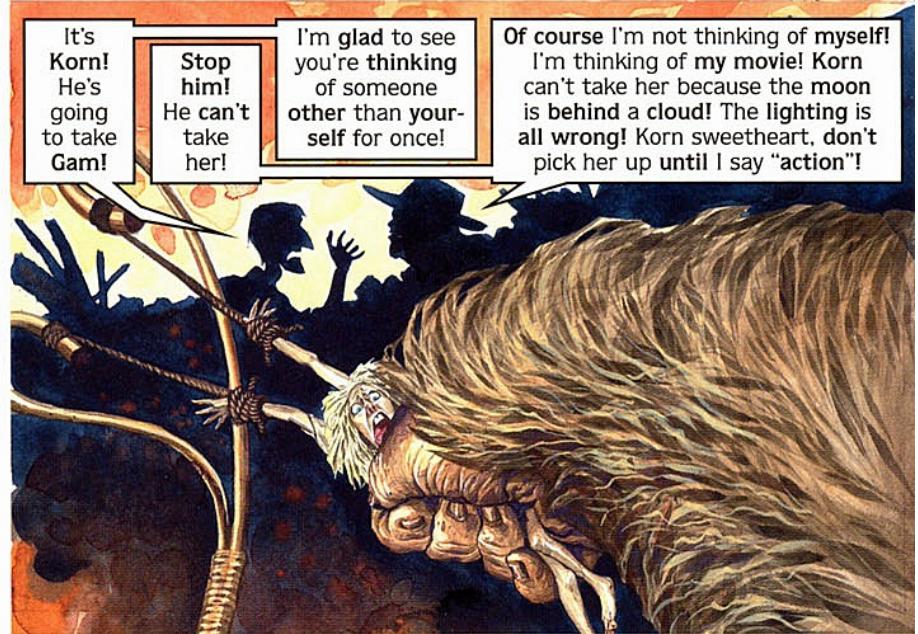
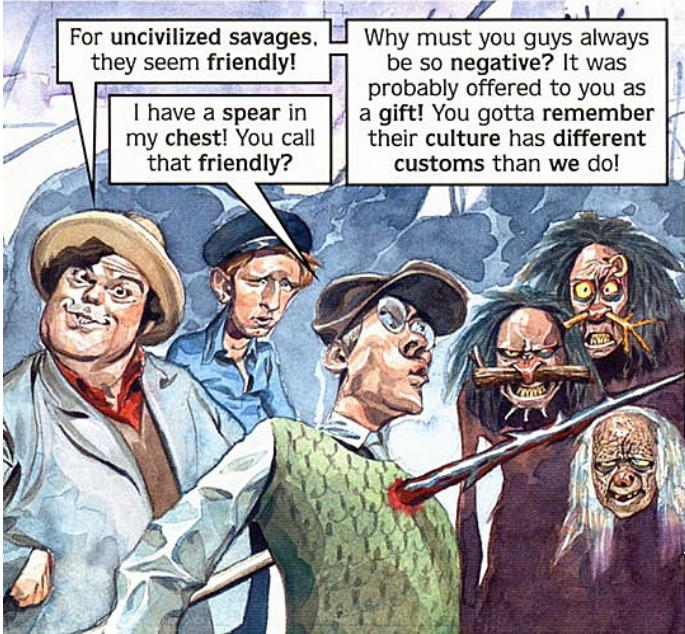
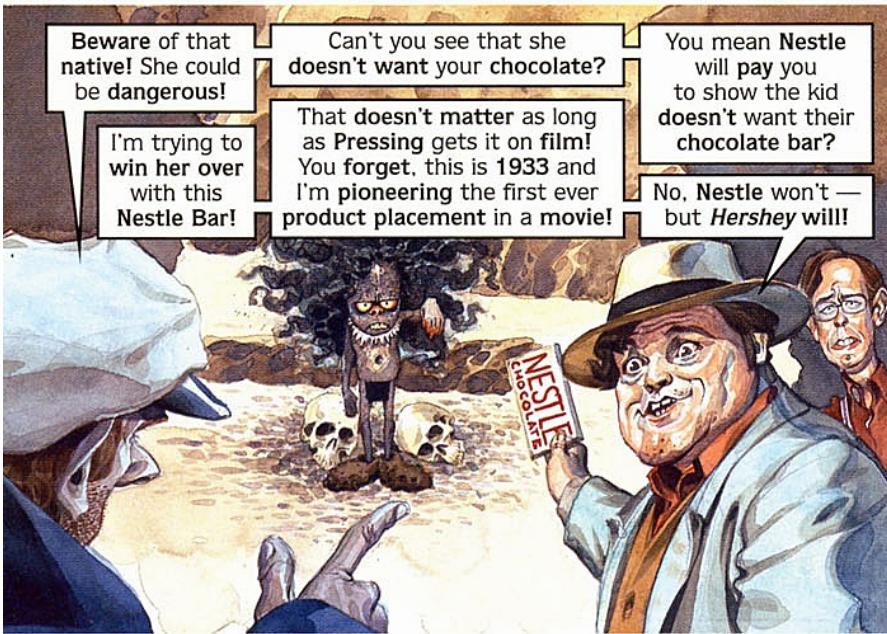
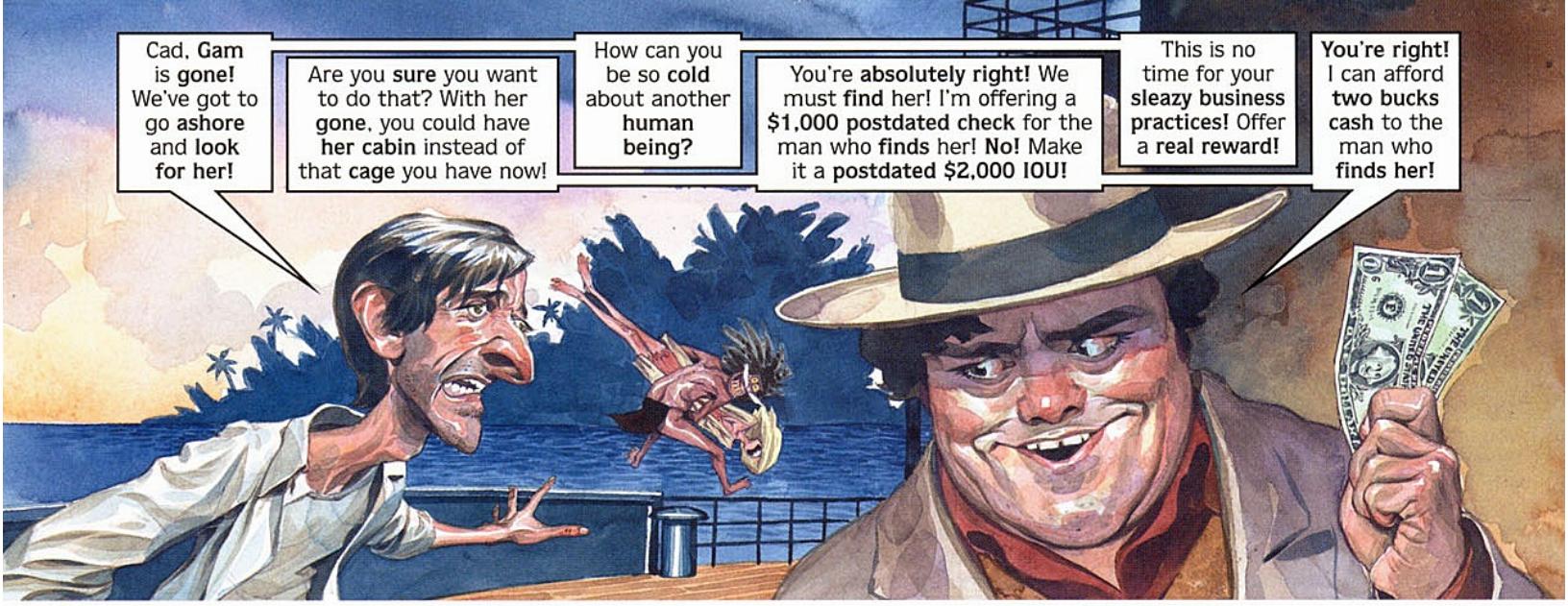
The winners will receive Immunity; the losers will be eaten by dinosaurs! So as you can see, there is more at stake here than usual!

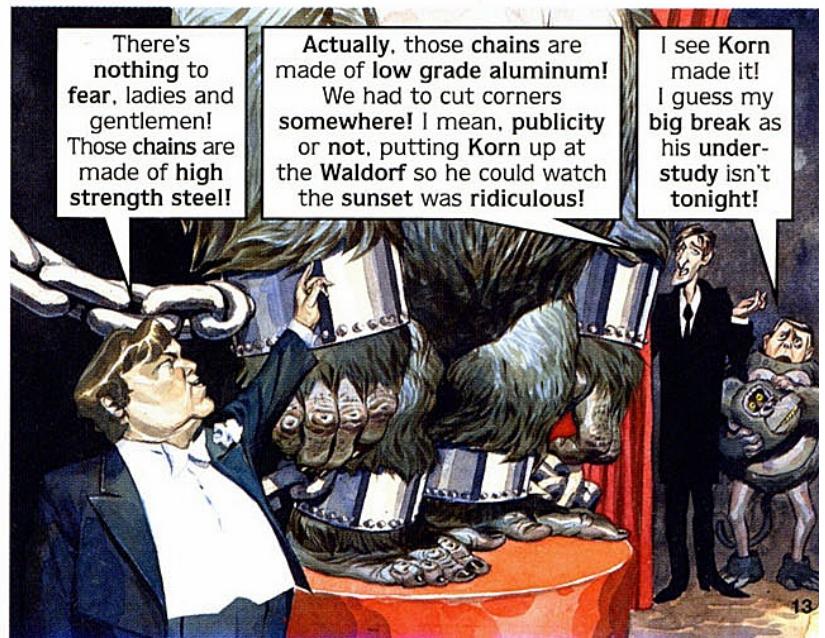
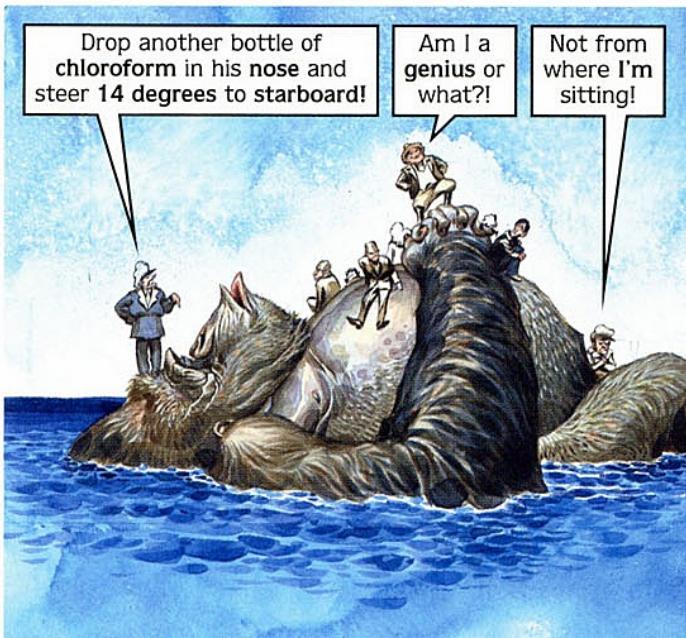
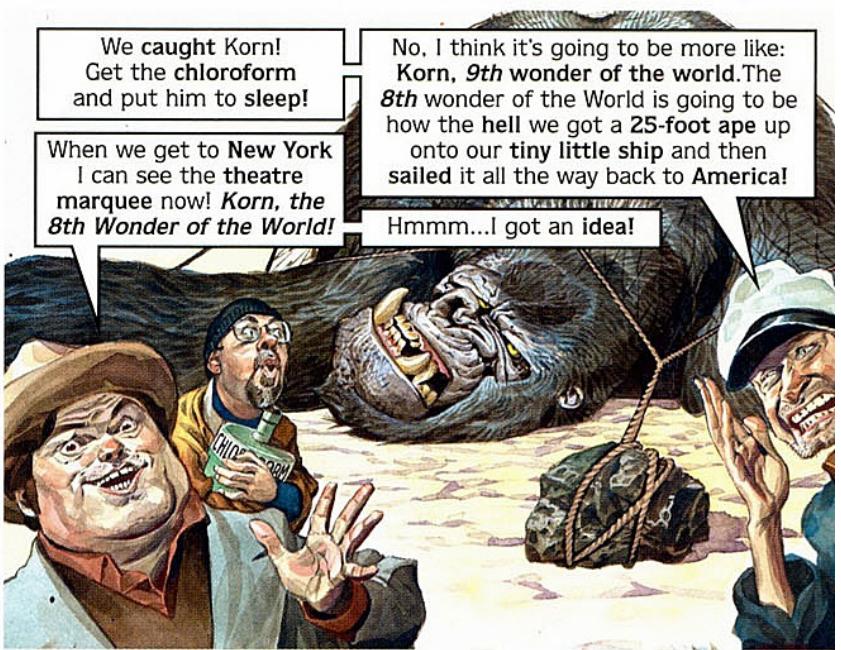
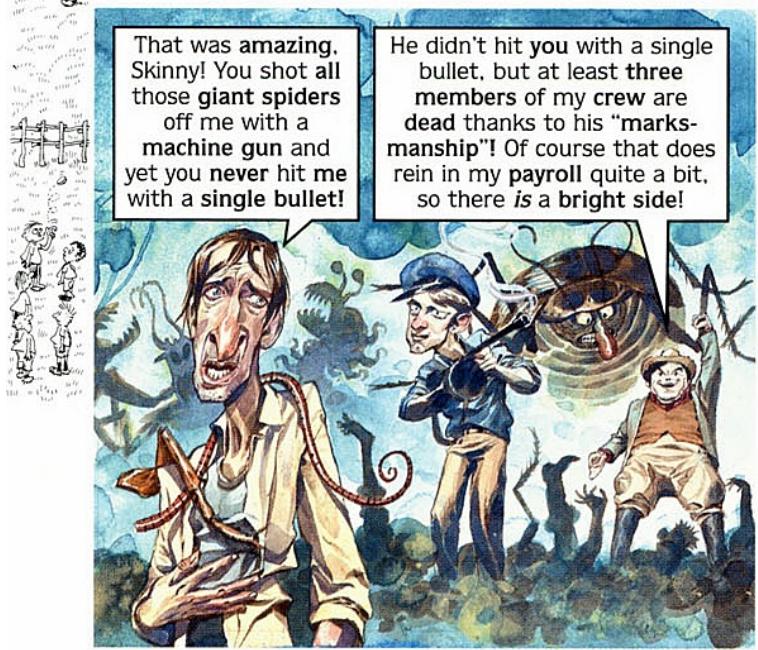
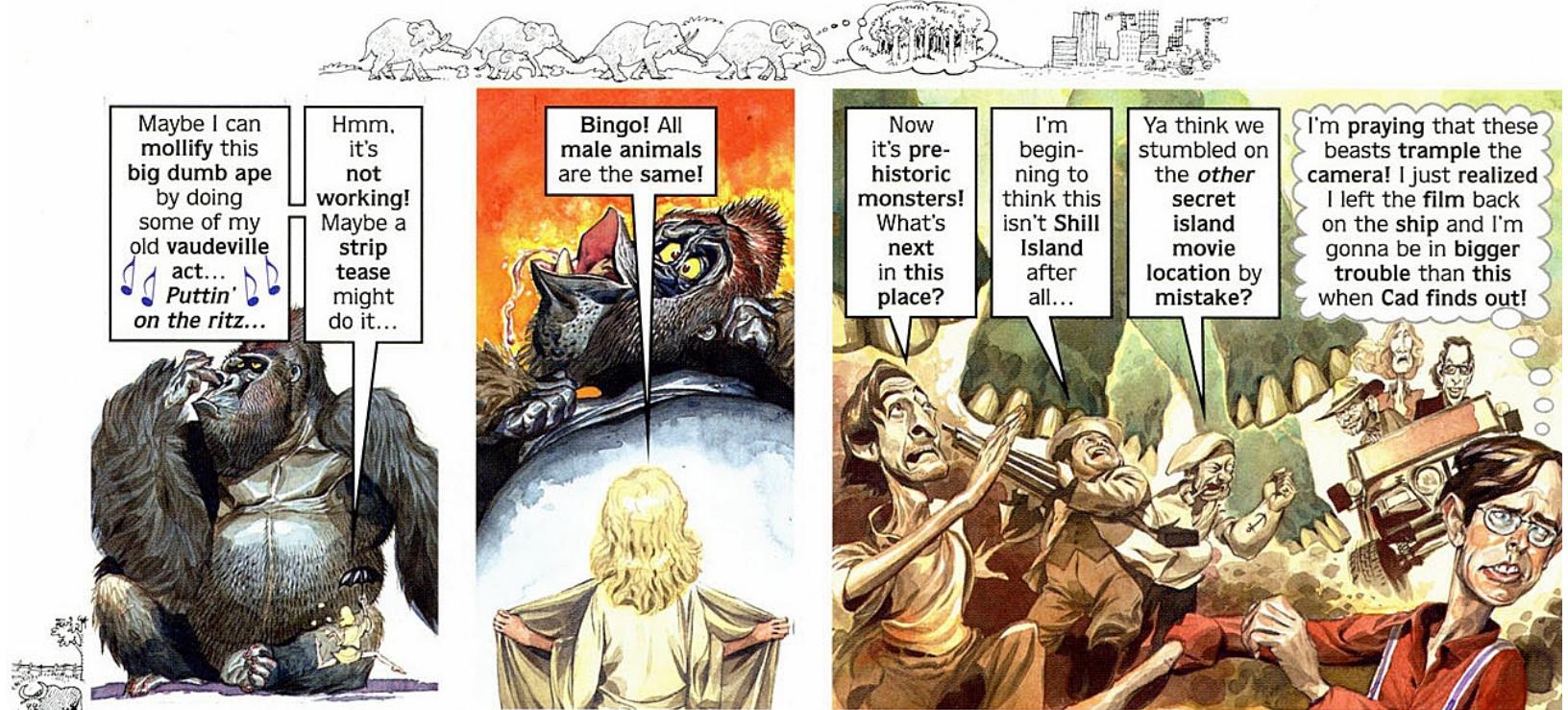
Go around to the back of the island, please! This part of the island is reserved for Korn, his guests and crew! That area is reserved for Jeff Probst and the CBS Survivor Party...

I like the beach, but it's getting too noisy!

And property values are going through the roof! I think we should buy land further in the jungle before Disney discovers the place and we can't afford anything!

Geez, we were the first ones here, and now look at the place!





Korn broke free! He's loose somewhere in the city!

Could you describe the perpetrator? Height? Any distinguishing marks?

He's big, tall, hairy and probably destroying the city looking for a 20-foot banana to eat!

Got it! I'll put all fruit stands on notice to be on the lookout for suspicious characters!



Hey, fellah! You can't go up there! There's an 800,000-pound gorilla on top of this building!

The woman I love is up there with that big ape!

Aww... okay, you can go up! Take the elevator with this guy!

What's the deal with the Empire State Building being a magnet for guys in romance movies?



God, can't an ape and a pretty girl get any privacy in this city? Even up here those stupid airplanes are spying on us!

Korn, I feel so close to you! It's almost like we were married! Actually, there's been no sex, so it *really* is like a marriage! But our love just wasn't meant to be, Korn! You're just gonna have to let go...



Is he dead?

No, he's just taking a nap for the next two million years!

No, the city is trying to see what Broadway would look like covered in fur, and he's just helping out!

No, he's counting the stories on the Empire State Building and it's much easier to do if he lies on his back!



Korn is dead, my film is ruined and I'm bankrupt!

Work for me — I'm rolling in dough!

How could a writer make any money?

Screw the writing! You brought a big gorilla here. Everyone's seen a gorilla. I brought back a Brontosaurus! No one's ever seen one of those! I call it the 10th Wonder of the World! My show is sold out for the next five years!

The 11th Wonder is why anyone would attempt yet another remake of a classic film! Ah, I think I'll go take my new ship, the Poseidon, out for a nice, peaceful voyage!





ANGSTER'S PARADISE DEPT.

IN OUR LAST
EPISODE...

I'M AFRAID YOUR
GRANDPA
IS IN A
COMA.

ARE YOU
POSITIVE?
HE'S REALLY
LAZY.

LATER...

I DUNNO
ABOUT CUTTING
HIS LIFE
SUPPORT.

WE HAVE
TO. GRANDPA
WANTED TO
DIE WITH
DIGNITY.

AND
WE WANT
A NEW RUMPUS
ROOM. IT'S A
WIN-WIN!

I WON'T
LET YOU
DO IT.

OUT OF
THE WAY! I'M A
DOCTOR!

JUST
BECAUSE YOU
HAVE STOLEN
SCRUBS AND YOU
CHECKED THAT
PREGNANT LADY'S
DI-
LATION
DOESN'T MAKE
YOU A
DOCTOR!

NO,
IT MAKES
ME AN
OPPORTUNIST.
NOW STEP
ASIDE -
IT'S TIME TO
PULL THE
PLUG!

And now the
THRILLING
conclusion of...

MONRÖE and... THE RIGHT TO DIE PART TWO

STOP
RIGHT
THERE!

WHAT?
I WAS
CHECKING THE
CORDS.

YEAH, RIGHT.
I'M ROB MILLS
FROM THE
WFCPTLC.

COME
AGAIN?

THE WE
FORCE GOMATOSE
PEOPLE TO LIVE
COALITION.

CATCHY
NAME.

MAN, I'M
SO GLAD YOU
SHOWED UP! THEY
WERE GONNA
KILL
GRAMPS!

YOU
CALLED
THEM?

DUH.

YOU TWO
CAN'T MAKE
US KEEP HIM
ALIVE!

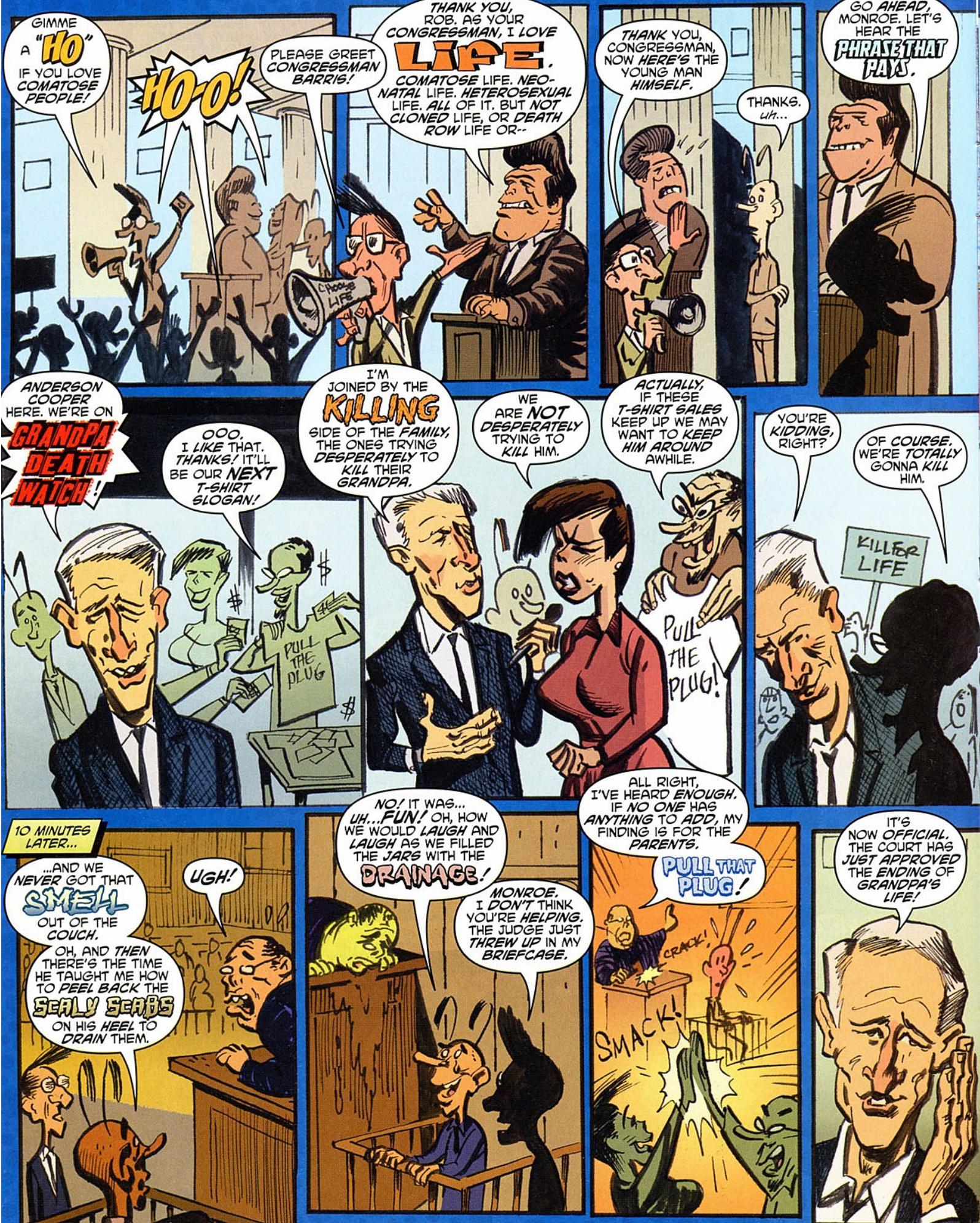
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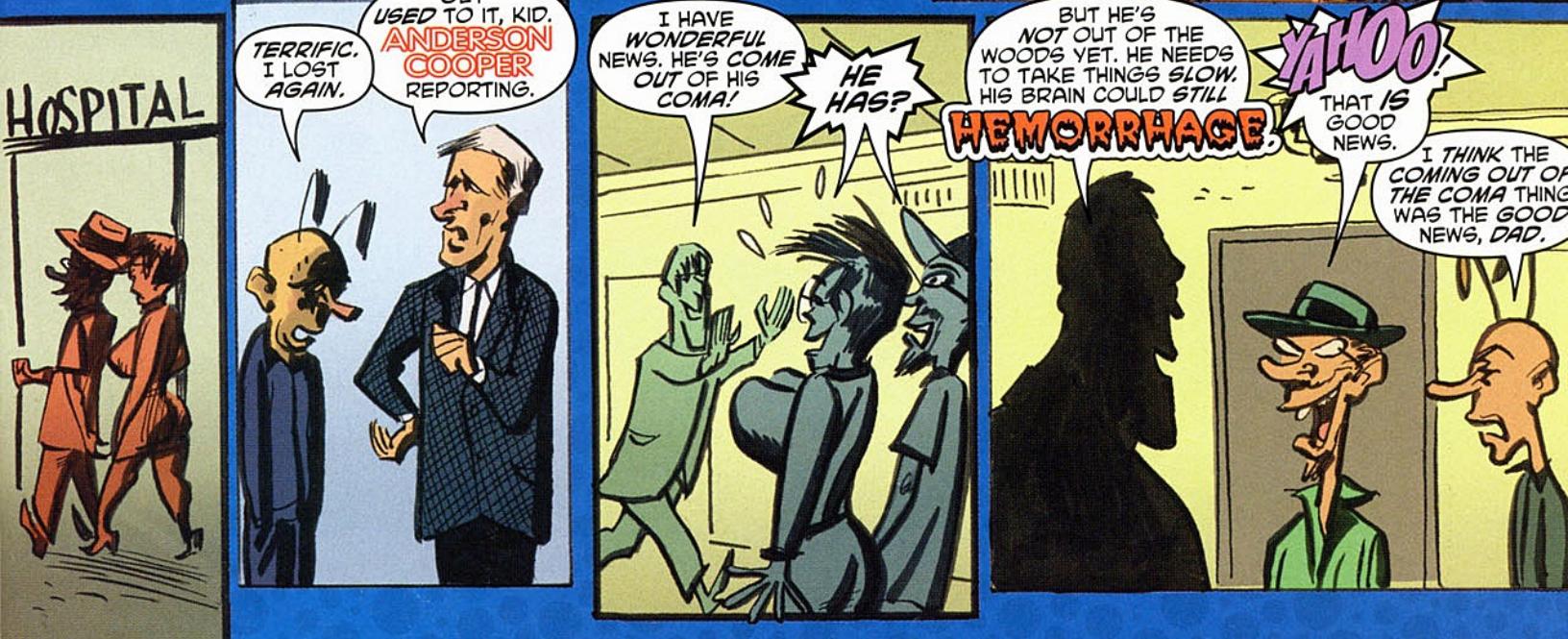
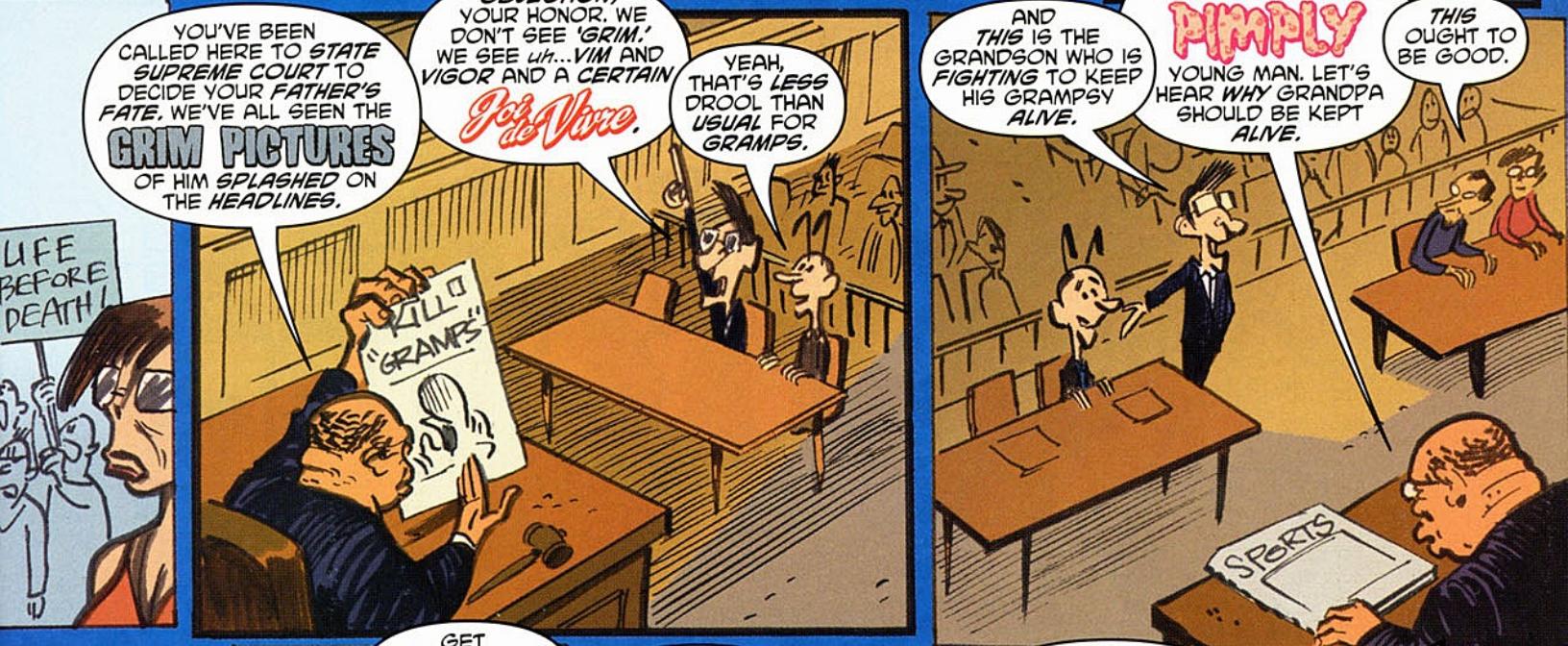
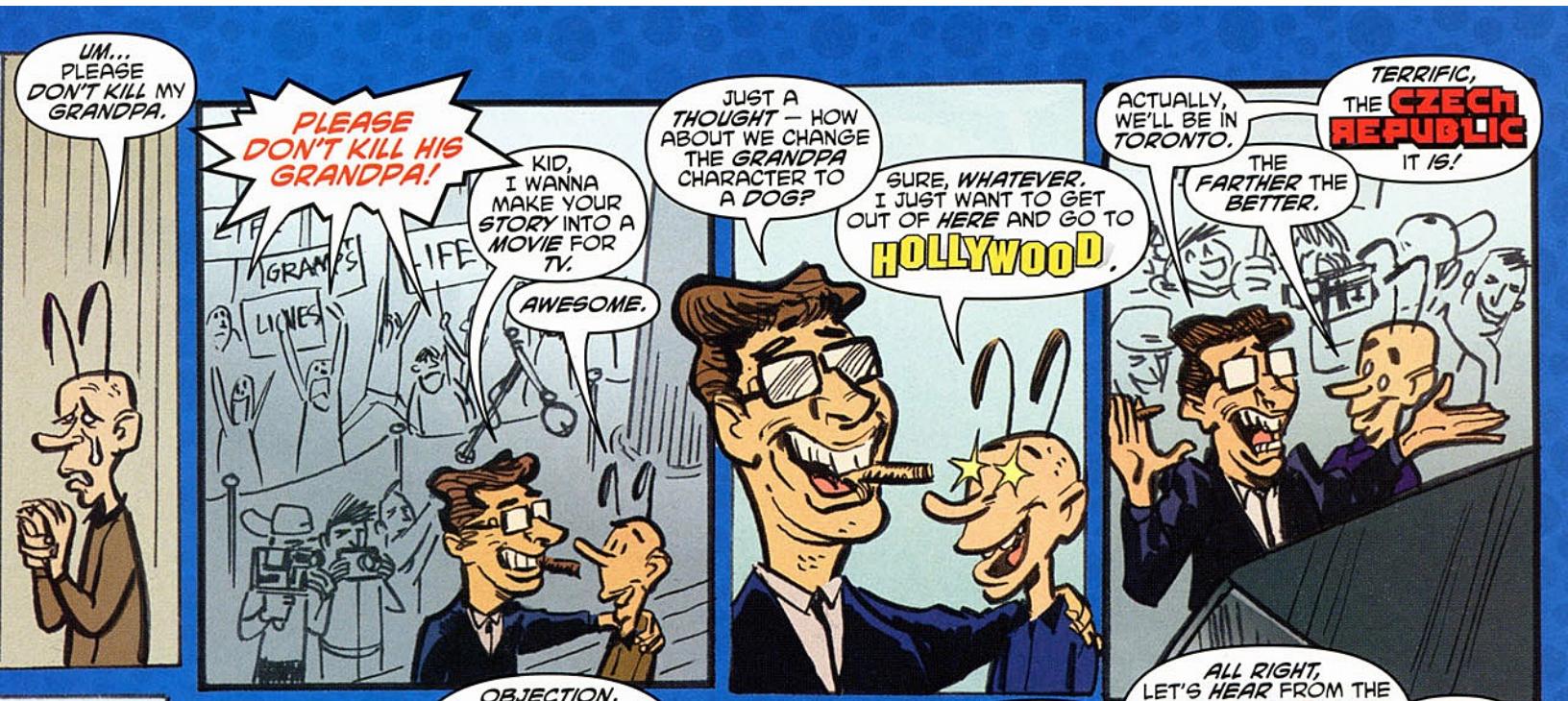
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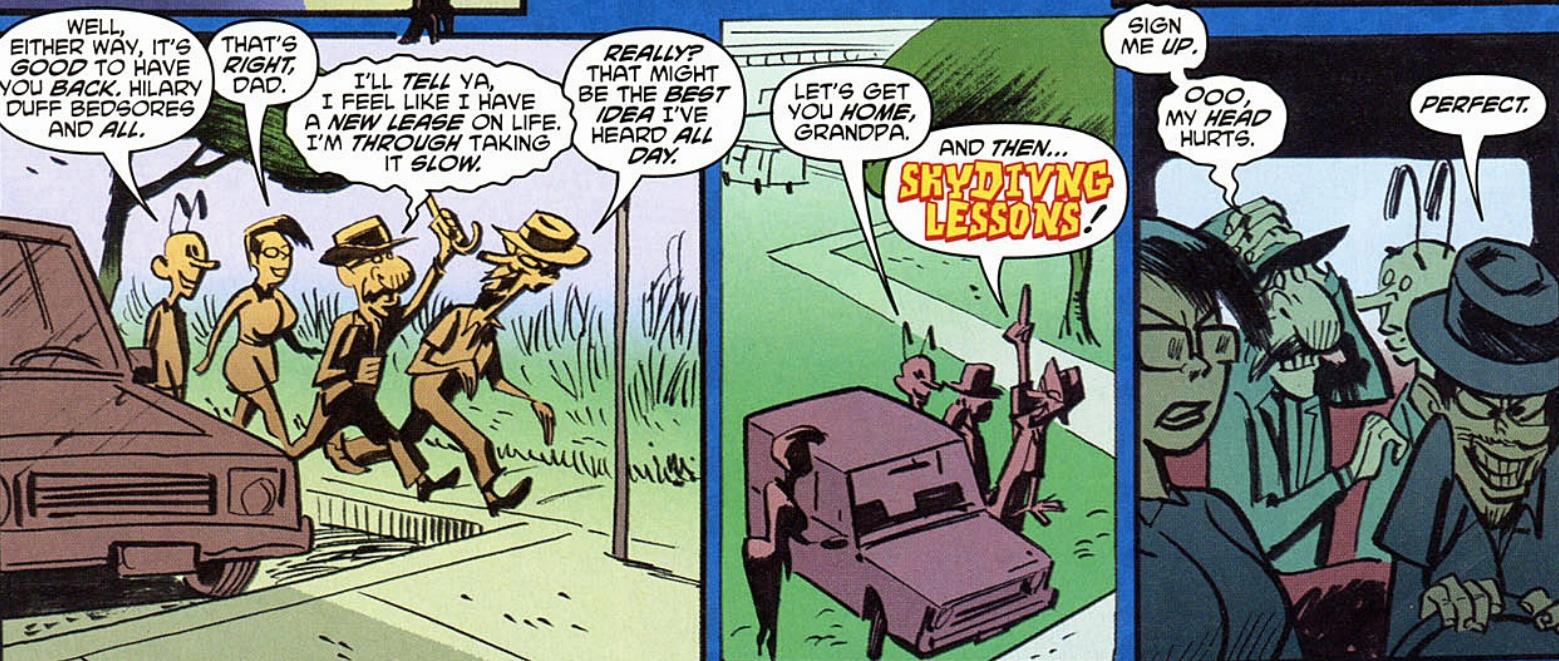
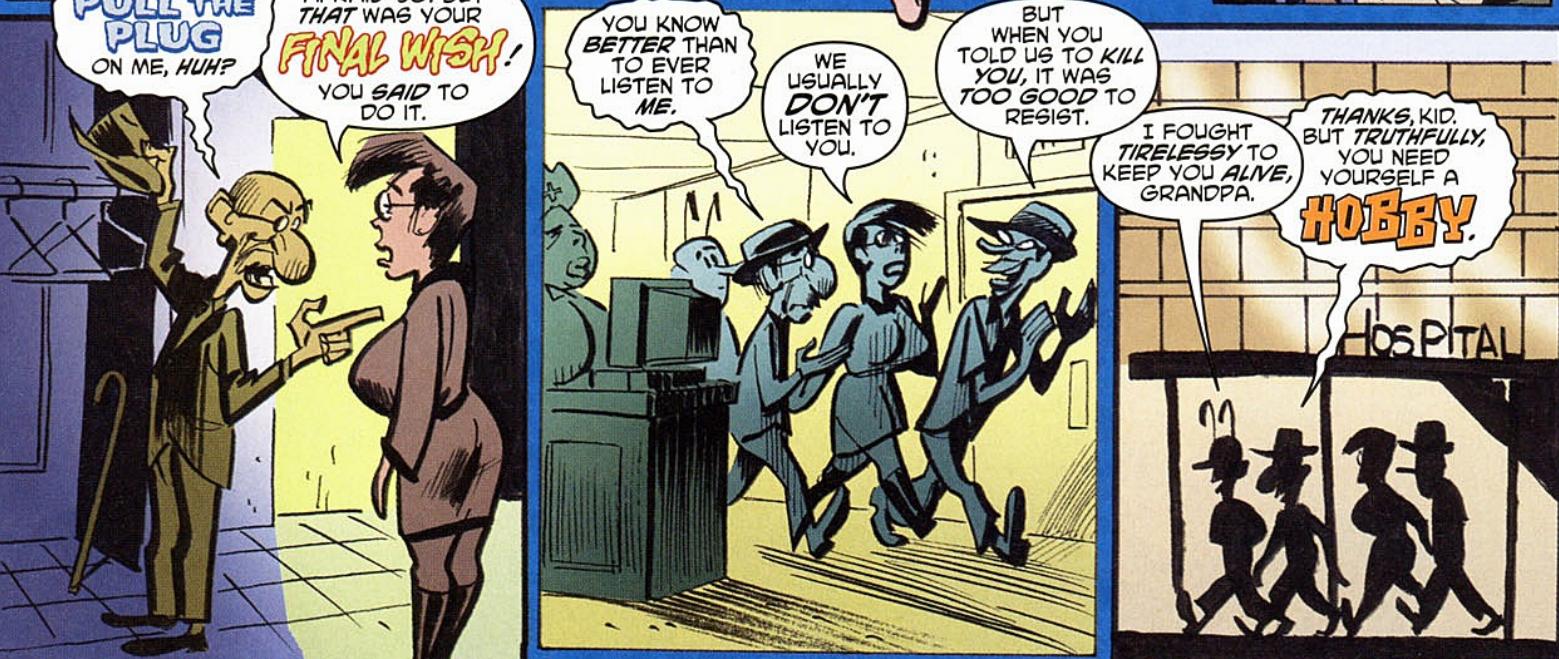
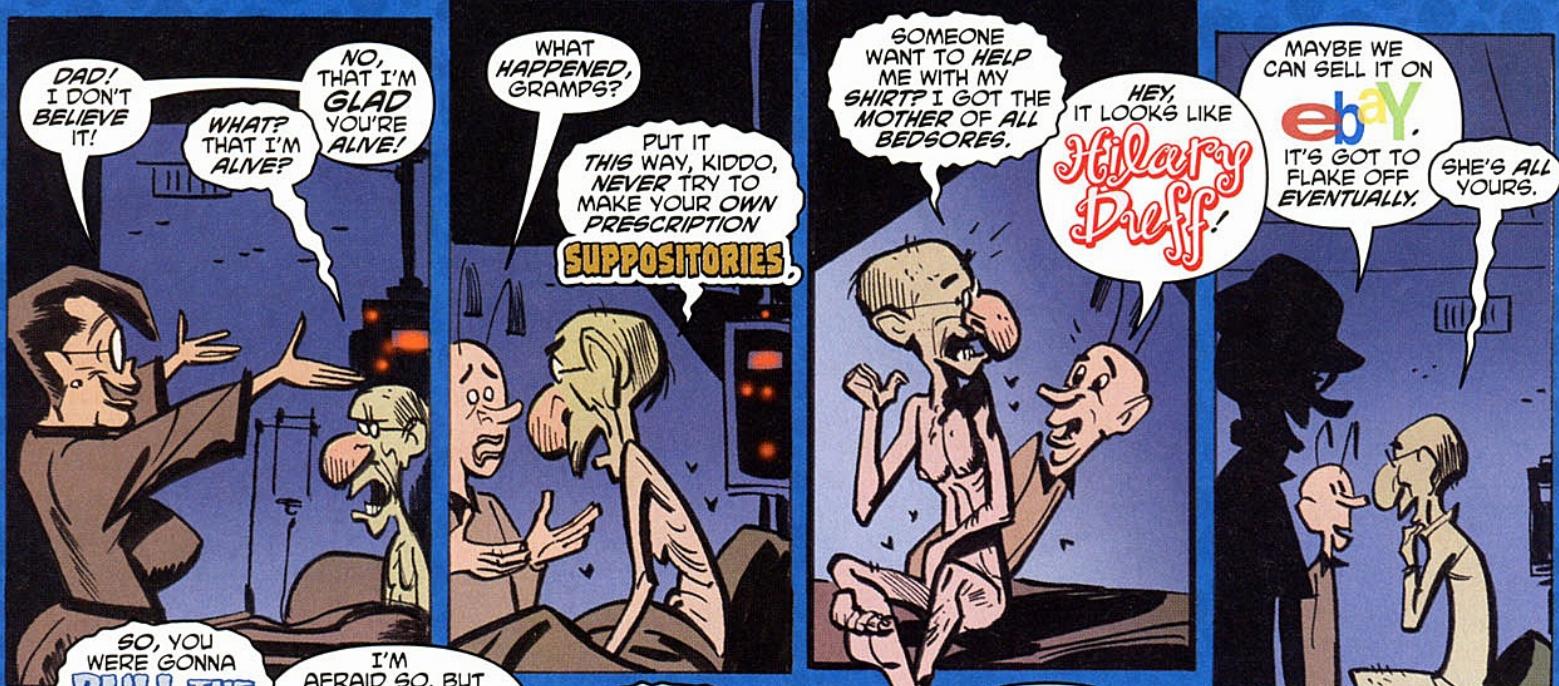
SEE YOU
IN COURT.

SIT TIGHT,
OLD TIMER.
WE'LL BE BACK
TO KILL YOU
LATER.

REAL
TOUCHING,
DAD.









POLLUTING THE FLAG DEPT.

In our crass, vulgar society, product placement is everywhere — there's Dr. Pepper in *Spider-Man*, the Lakers play at the Staples Center and professional boxers even have website names painted on their backs! So what's keeping the federal government from selling out The Pledge of Allegiance? Sure, it goes against everything our country was founded on — but, more importantly, if we list a bunch of products in the pledge, it'd also make us a ton of money! (And isn't that what our country is all about *now*?) Here's what you can expect...

WHEN THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWS PRODUCT PLACEMENT IN THE PLEDGE IN ALLEGIANCE OF

iPod *allegro*, Tootsie *Fab*,
FUJI *UNITED*, *FRANCO-AMERICAN*, *BANANA REPUBLIC*, *Ford*, *Chiclets* *VANS*,
ONE *Nathan's*, *WONDER*, *BOD*, *Disney*, *Vagisil*,
Wisk, *LISTERINE*, *ban*, *Jergens*, *Hormel*.



WRITER:
DARREN JOHNSON

ARTIST:
TIMOTHY SHAMEY



MAD's FLAME-BROILED BURKI

Man, how much did I drink last night?!

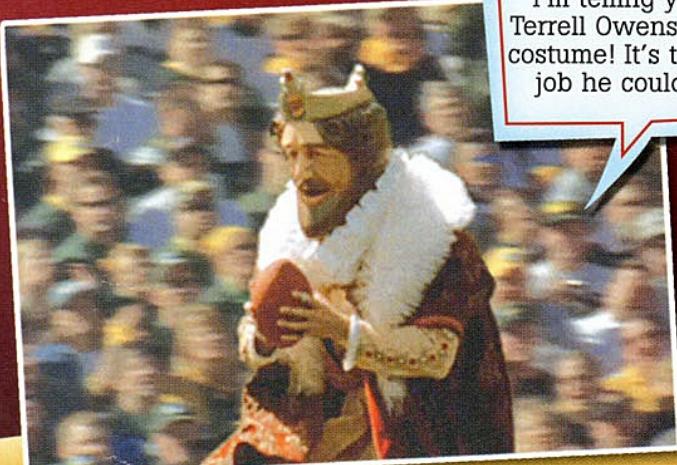


Look, pal, just because I liked *Brokeback Mountain* doesn't mean anything!

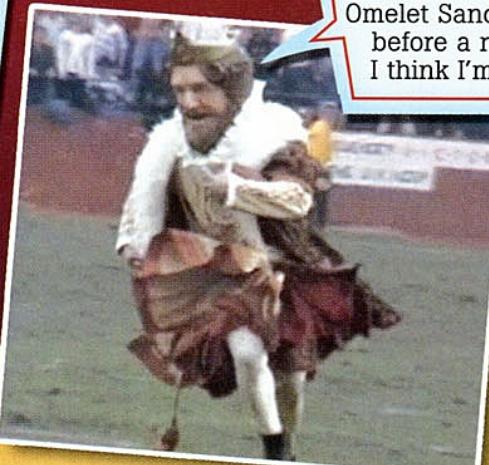
Get away from me! I can turn this dry, leathery pigskin into six Whoppers!



If I'm named MVP in this game I could land a big product endorsement deal! Oh, wait a minute...



I'm telling ya, it's Terrell Owens in that costume! It's the only job he could get!



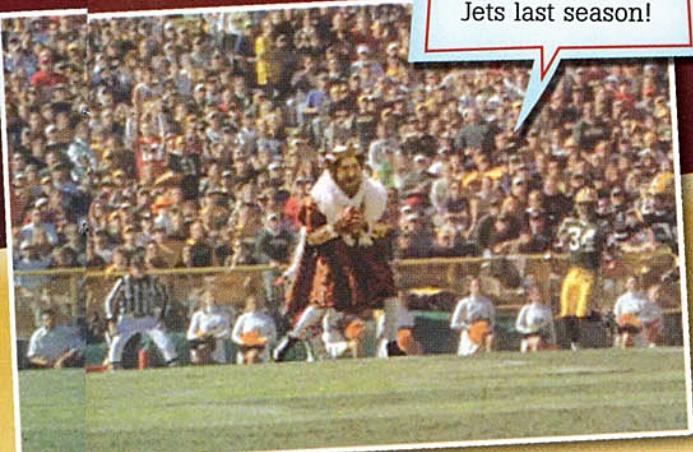
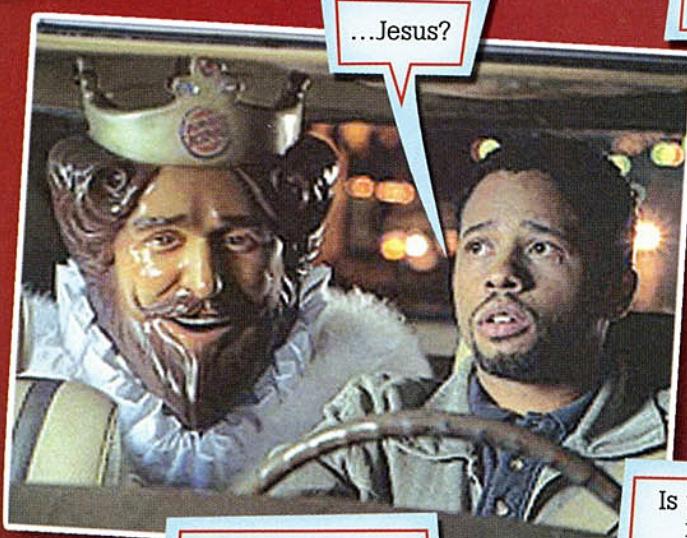
Note to self: never eat one of my Enormous Omelet Sandwiches™ right before a running play! I think I'm gonna hurl!



BURGER KING

COMMERCIAL OUTTAKES

OK, OK, so if I eat this thing, you promise to let my family go?



Is that a Whopper in your cloak, or are you just happy to see me?!





I HEAR YOU
THANKS TO UNWARRANTED WIRETAPPING

A MAD
MINI
POSTER



Planet TAD!!!!

[09 March | 05:47pm]

This Saturday is my little sister Sophie's 8th birthday. She's having a was to have a princess-themed party, but then my mom told her that a princess — she had to let the other girls be princesses, too. Her sec mom and dad told her absolutely not. So it's a Barbie-themed party. I

[11 March | 11:23pm]

[mood] jealous]

Well, today was Sophie's party. I went to the mall and managed to m still there when I got home, Brenda Winters, who was waiting for her and kept saying, over and over, "I think I'm gonna throw up!" My mom couch that's not Scotchgarded.

Anyway, for her birthday, my parents got Sophie a **guinea pig**, which is totally unfair, because they never let me have a pet. This is what her guinea pig looks like:



[15 March | 08:37pm]

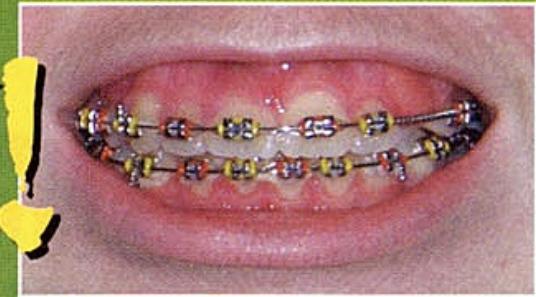
[mood] evil]

My friend Chet came over today and we sneaked into Sophie's room w I think he's a really smart guinea pig, because Chet made a little maz it in no time. Chet's coming over on Thursday, when Sophie and my p course to test Thunderclaw's strength and agility.

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Barbie-themed party. That was her third choice. Her first choice if that was the theme of the party, it couldn't just be HER being ond choice was a Christina Aguilera-themed party, and both my I'm going to try to be out of the house as long as I can.

iss almost the whole thing — only one of Sophie's friends was mom to pick her up. She'd had too much cake and ice cream m looked really nervous, because Brenda was sitting on the



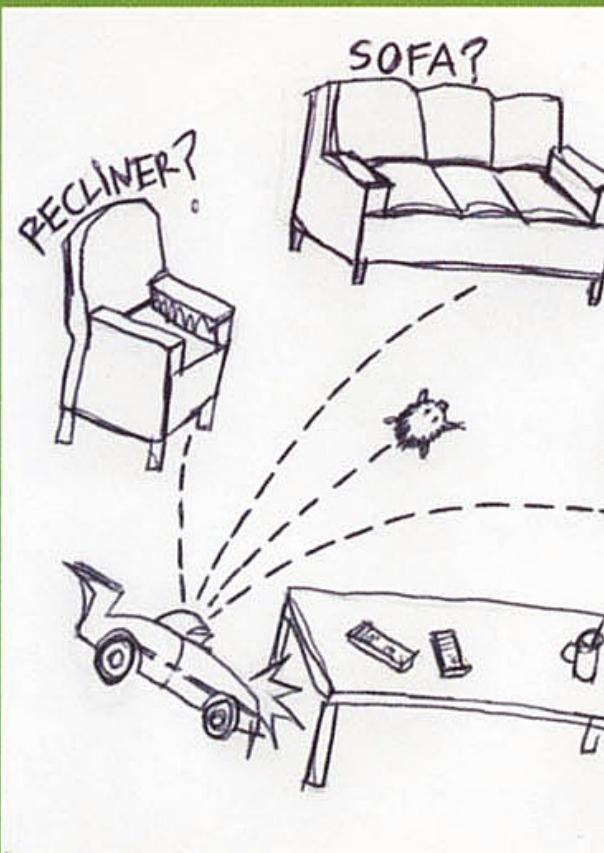
His name is Thunderclaw. Sophie calls him "Mr. Squeakers," but he and I both know his name is Thunderclaw.

when she was out at her oboe lesson to play with Thunderclaw. e out of Legos, and Thunderclaw figured out how to get through arents are at her recital, and we're going to build a little obstacle

[19 March | 07:23pm]

[mood]  anxious]

Oh, man. Today was a long day. Chet and I were putting Thunderclaw through the obstacle course, and he'd already finished the swimming portion in the bathroom sink, and the ice skating portion inside a carton of sherbet we found in the back of the freezer, but then, during the Road Rally, when we had him in my radio-controlled car, Chet took a turn too hard and it slammed into the coffee table. Thunderclaw went flying off somewhere in the direction of the sofa, and we couldn't find him, despite spending a long time diagramming where he could have landed:



[20 March | 08:17pm]

[mood]  relieved]

Good news! Sophie thinks Thunderclaw II is her original guinea pig! A "a whole lot bitey-er".

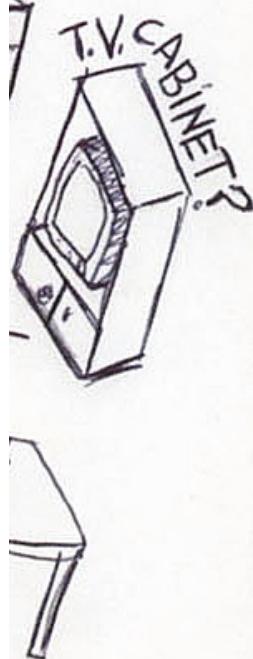
[22 March | 07:53pm]

[mood]  guilty]

Um. Well. Today brought good news and bad news. The good news is, mom's **Special K**.

I guess, after we lost him, he ran into the kitchen and climbed into the cereal box again. So this morning Mom was pouring herself some cereal, and suddenly, tiny paws in the air, was the lifeless body of Thunderclaw I. Sophie started screaming and running around the house. "There's a dead guinea pig that looks just like him wind up in my cereal?" I tried to suggest that there was a free dead guinea pig in every box of Special K.

Mom stared at me for a really long time, and then she asked, "Is there anything else you want to tell me?" And I answered honestly: No. There was absolutely nothing I wanted to tell her.



Ultimately, we gave up on finding him. Chet remembered that something sort of like this happened in "Meet the Parents," and so we used a solution that worked pretty well there: We ran down to **Pets-a-Million** to find a replacement for Thunderclaw before Sophie got home. I think the one we found looks a lot like him, especially after we added some spots with a brown magic marker:



Gotta go — I hear Sophie and my folks getting home.

Although she did tell Mom and Dad that Mr. Squeakers is suddenly

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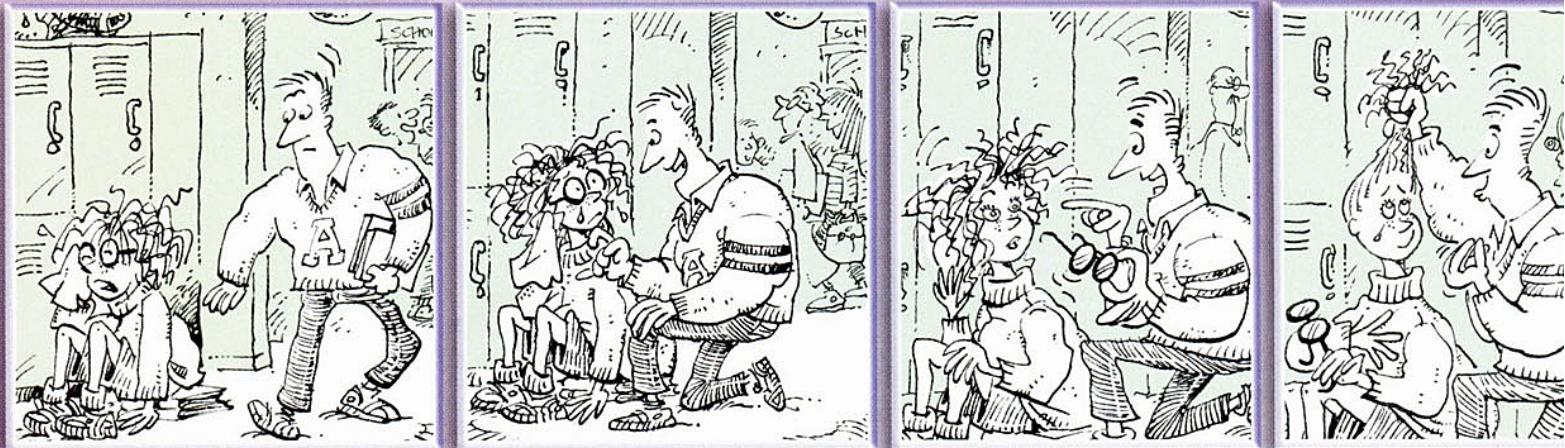
e cereal box for some food, and then he couldn't climb out
ddenly she screamed, because there in the bowl, with his four
arted crying and ran to her room, and then a minute later, she
he was still in his cage. And mom said, "Well, how did a guinea
hat maybe it was a prize — like, they were giving away one

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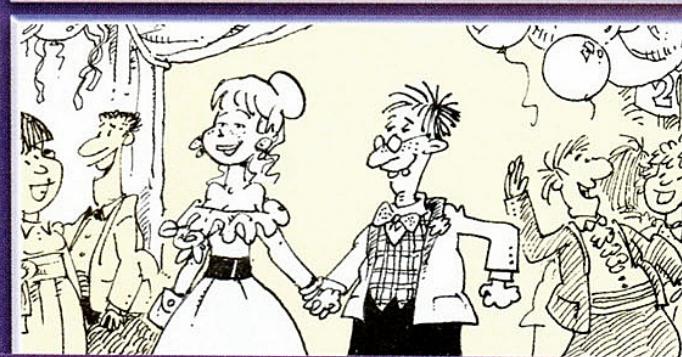
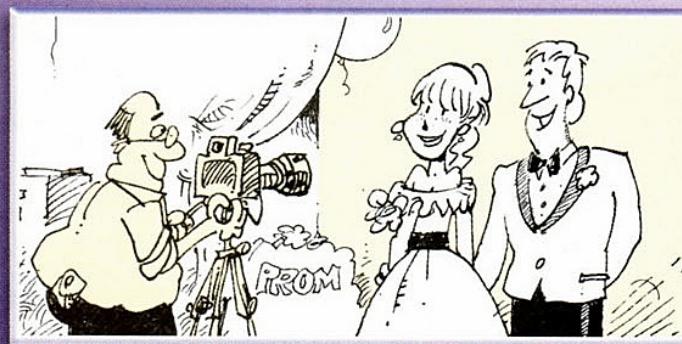
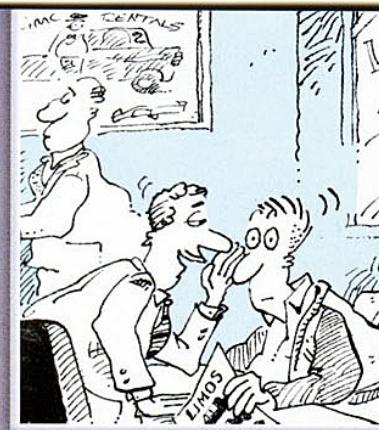
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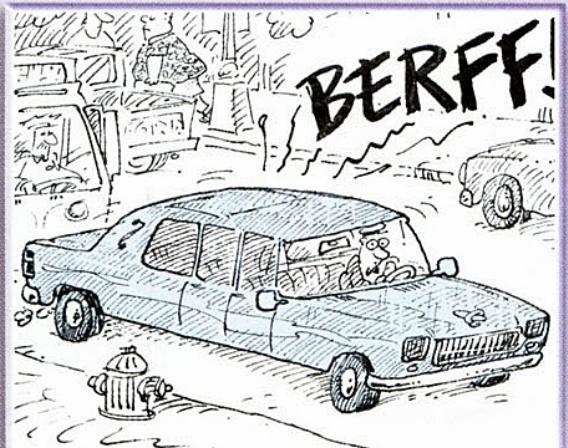
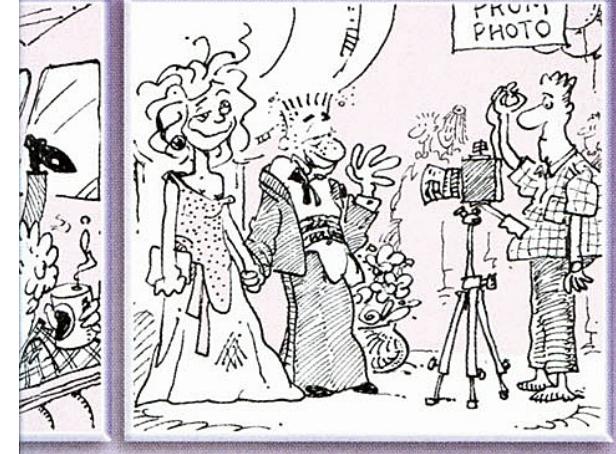
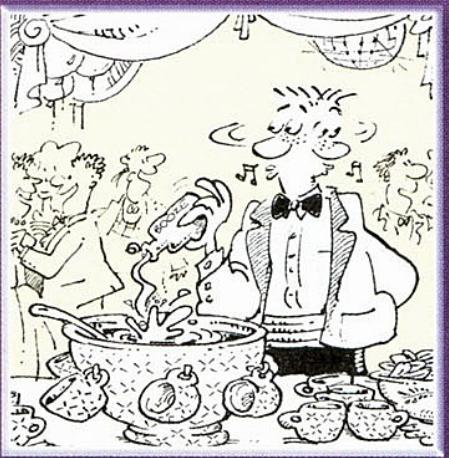
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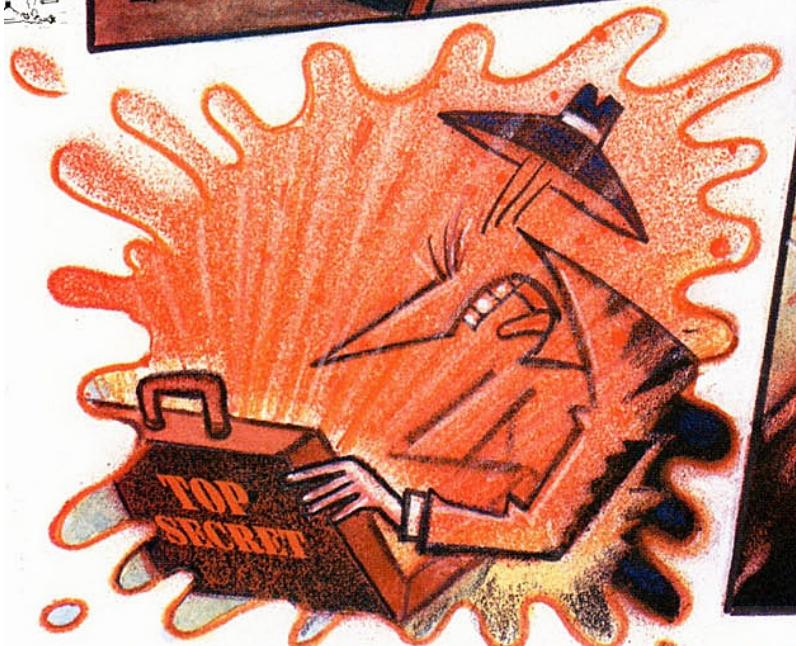
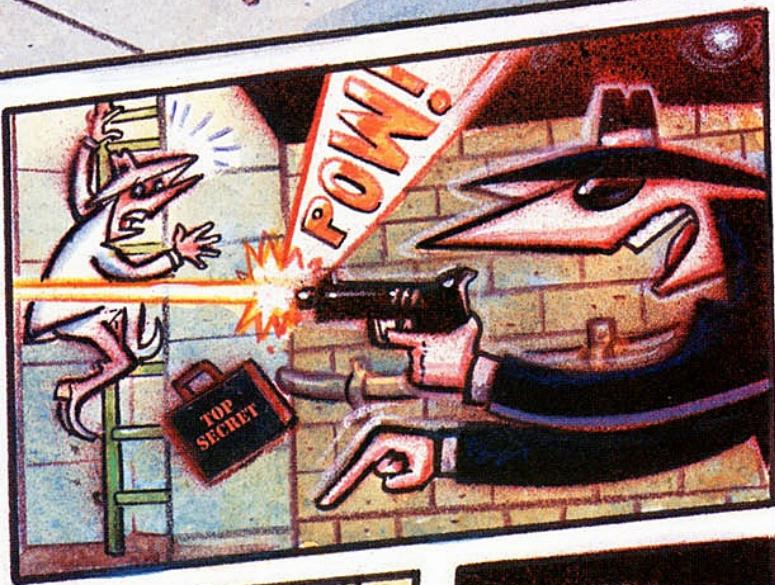
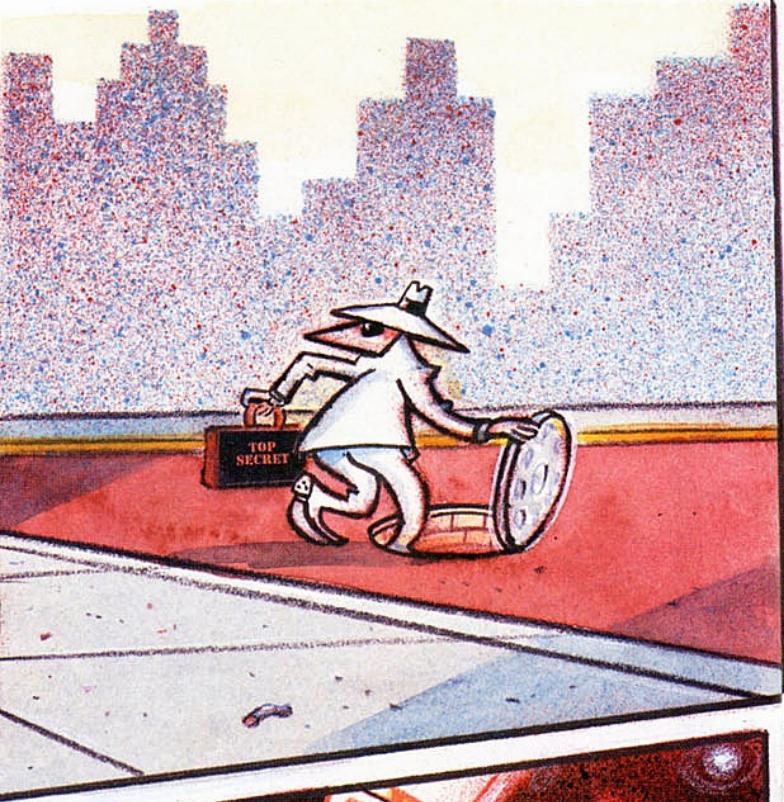
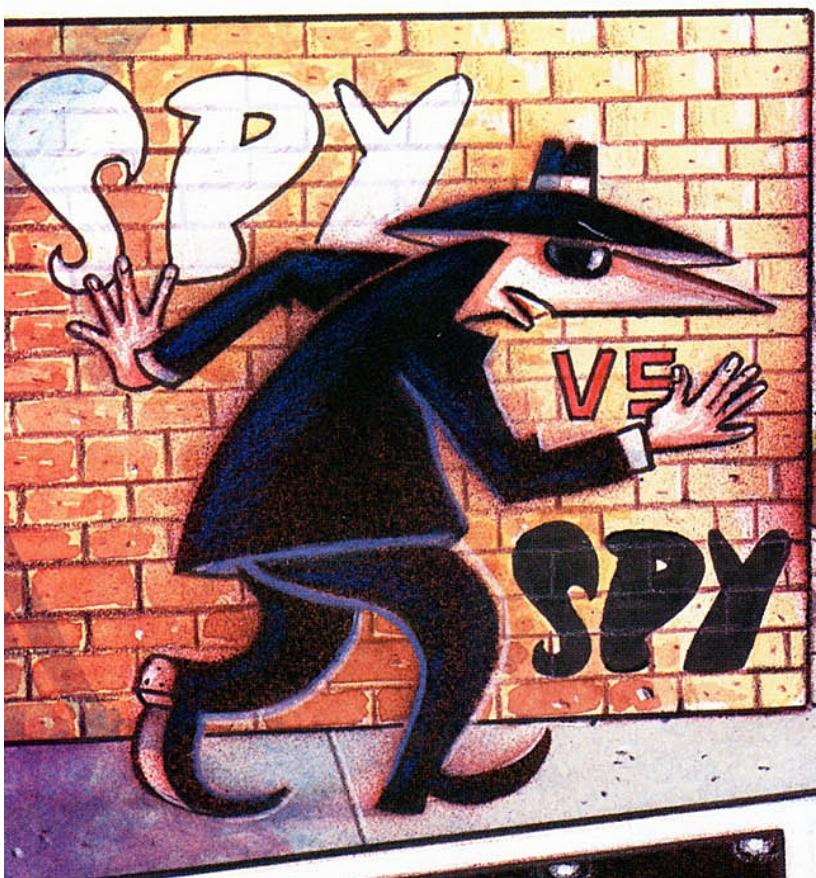


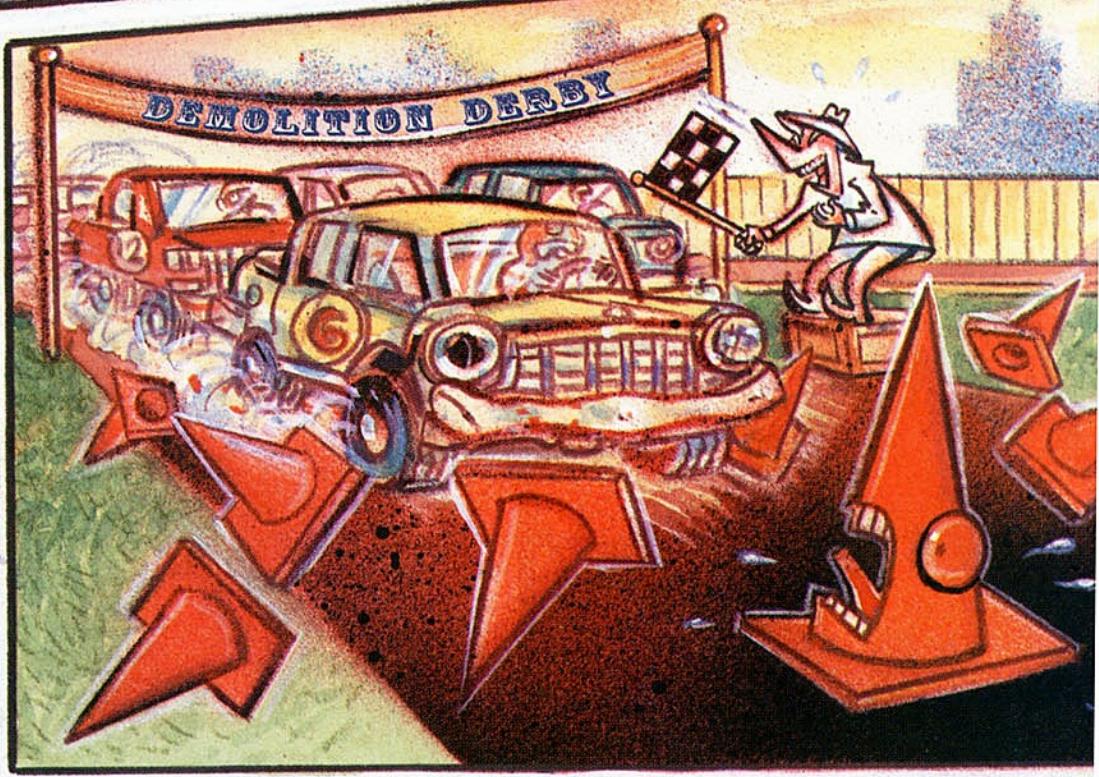
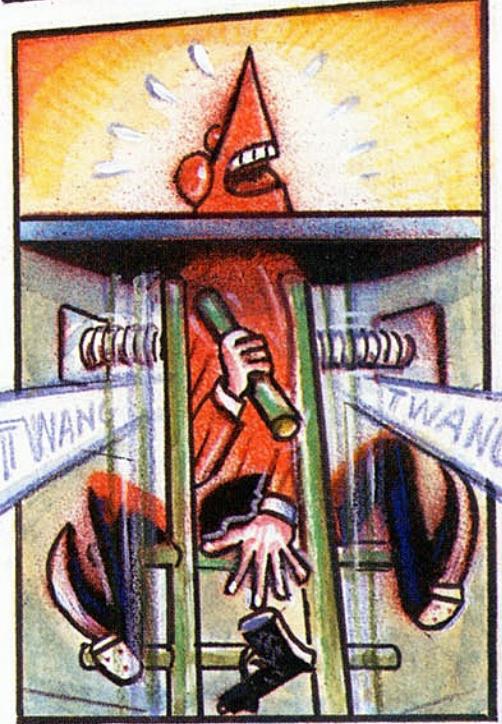
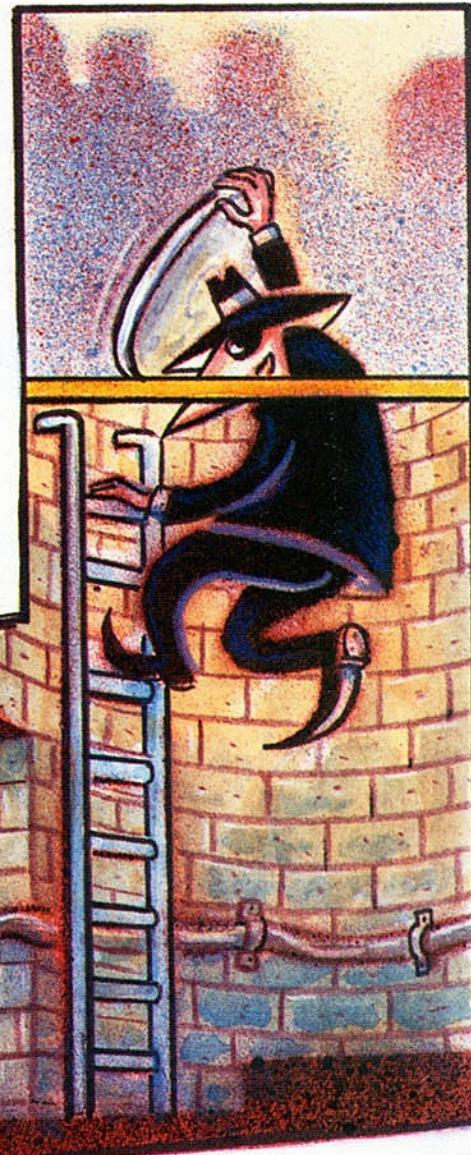
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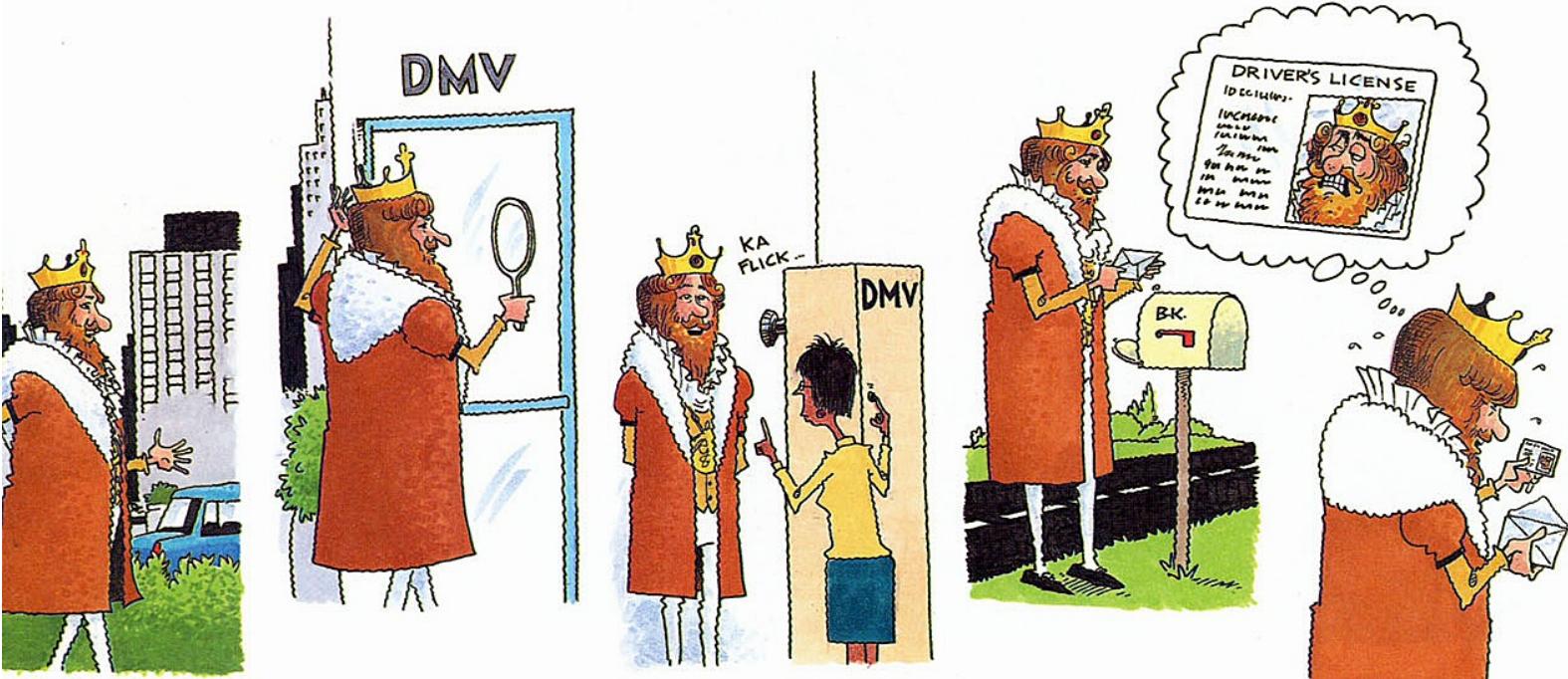
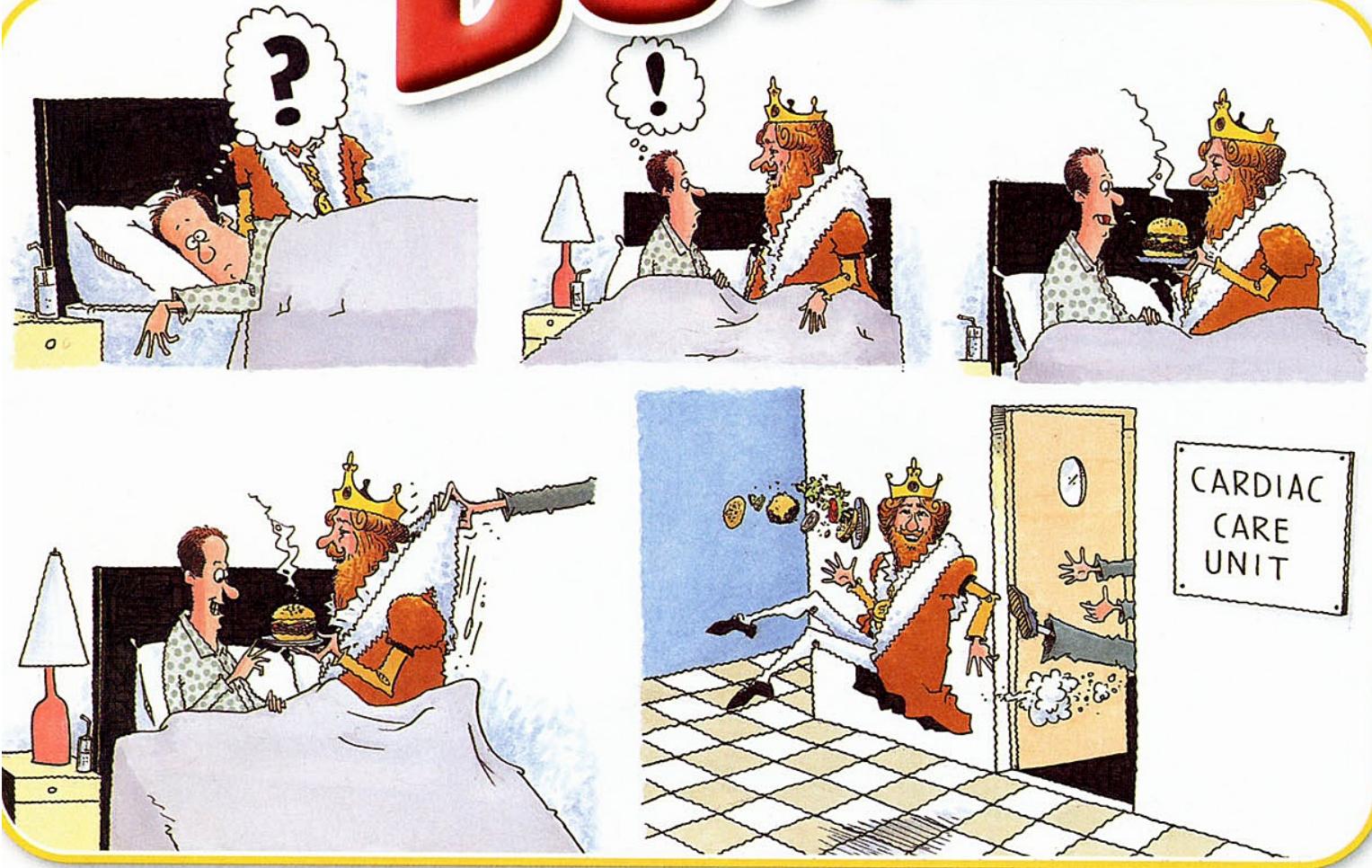




ERR TO THE THRONE DEPT.

Right now, the Burger King is unavoidable. He's on TV, he's in print ads, he's on the internet — this is the most attention a creepy, plastic-faced weirdo has gotten since the last Michael Jackson trial. At this rate, we dread opening up the comics page for fear of finding...

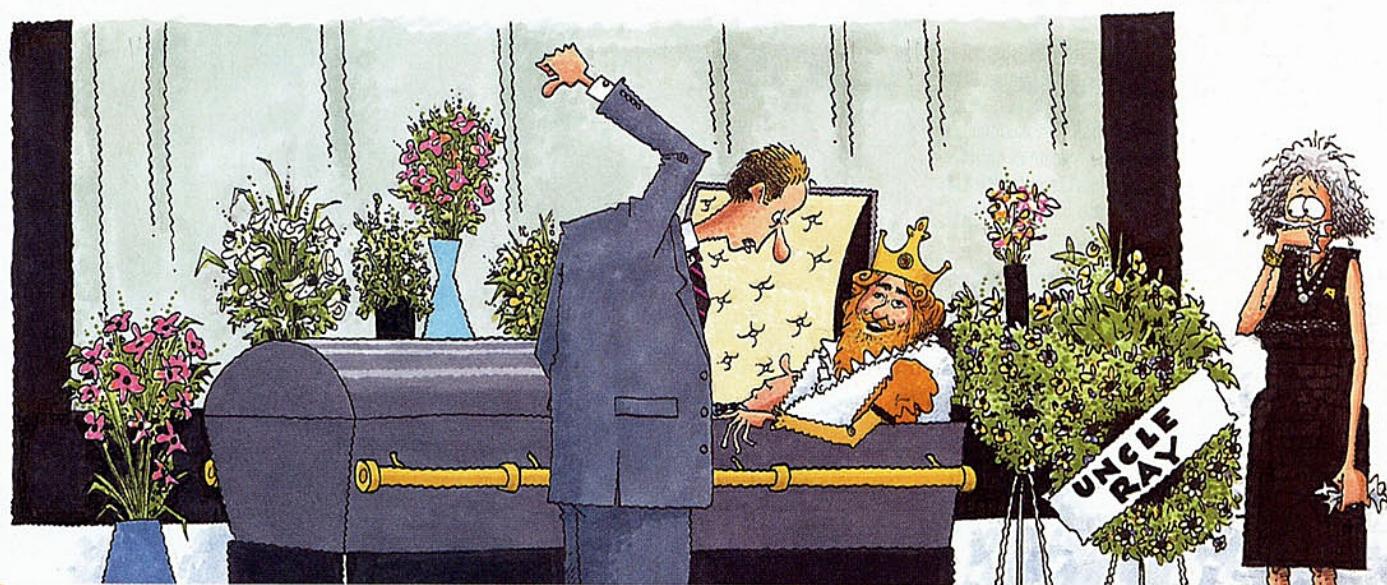
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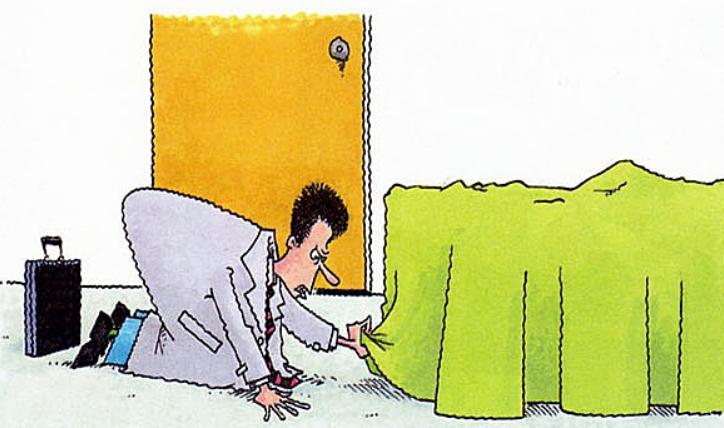
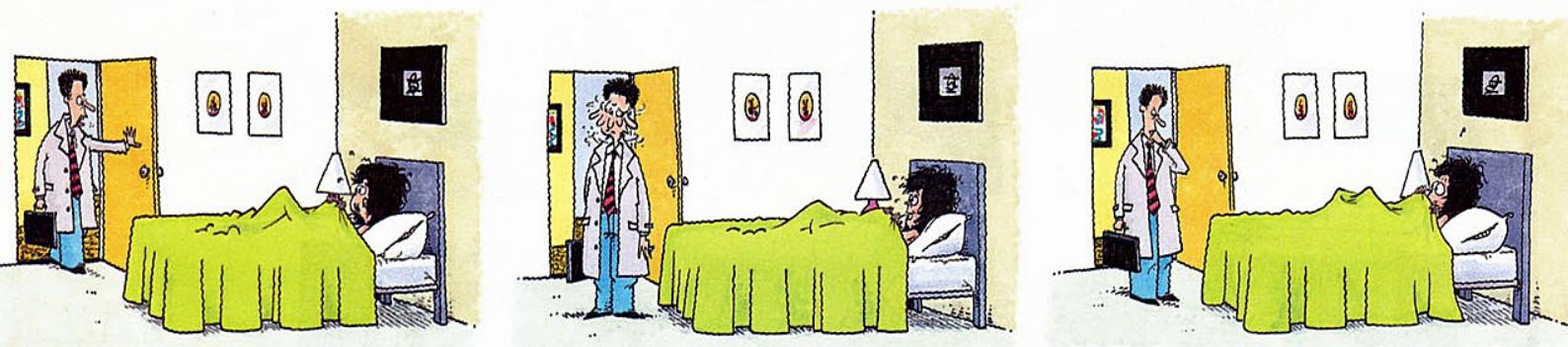
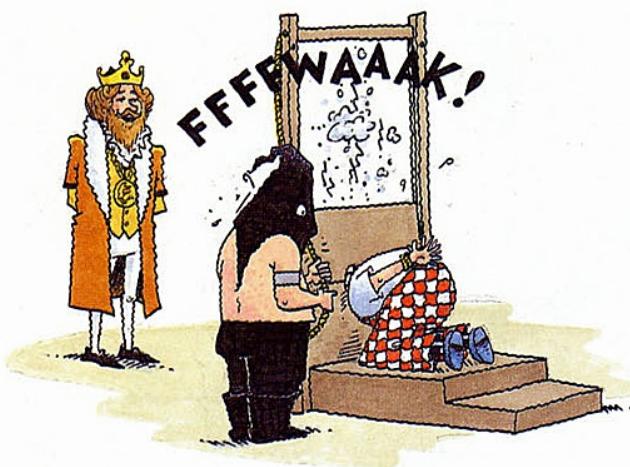
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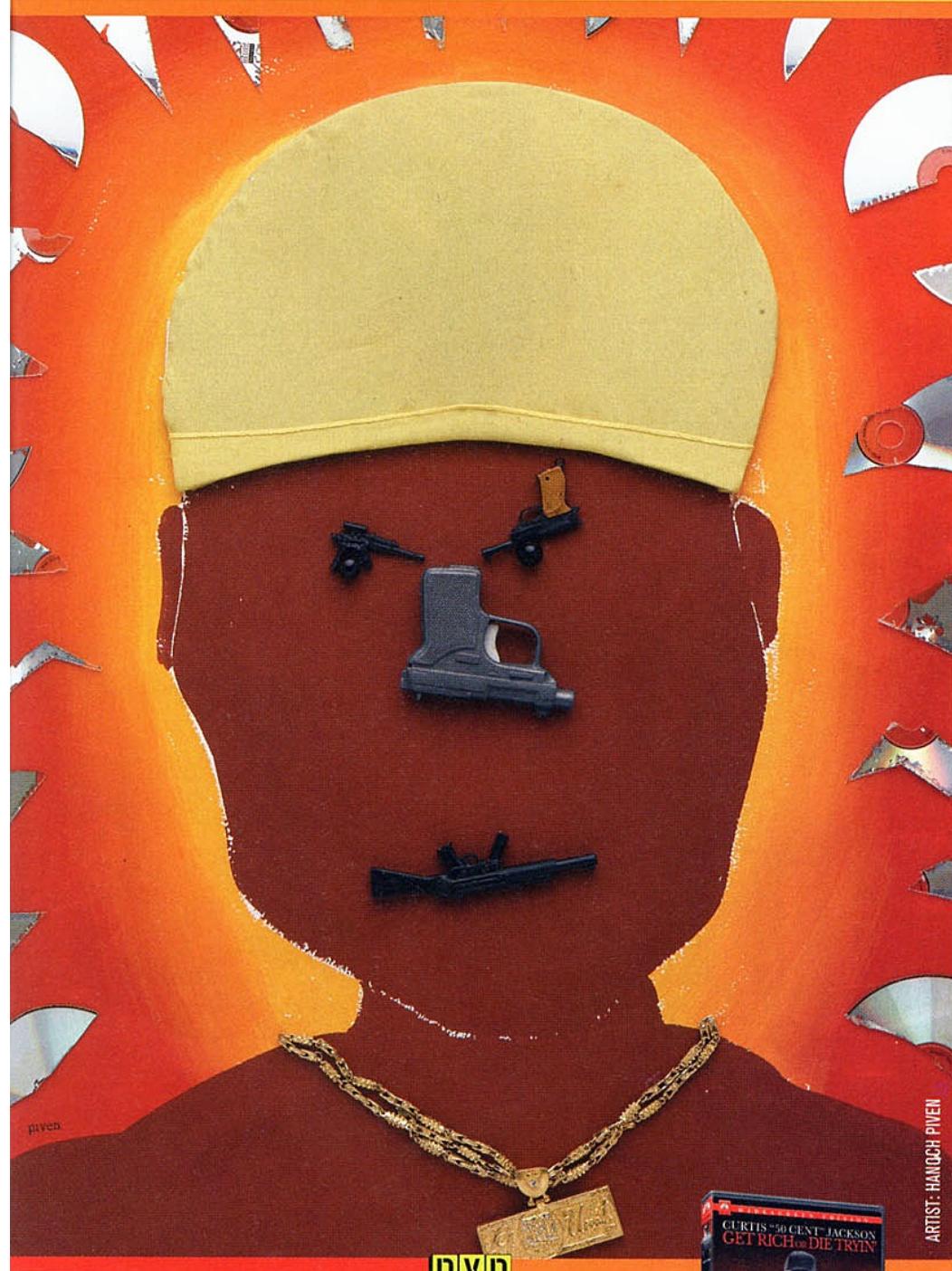


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GO FETCH!

THE LATEST STUFF YOU MAY (OR MAY NOT) WANT TO CHASE DOWN!



DVD

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'

Paramount Home Entertainment • March 28

The Hype: Determined to leave his criminal days behind, inner-city drug dealer Marcus (50 Cent) pursues the one thing that inspires him — rap music — and on his life-altering journey, the aspiring artist runs into tough times.

The Snipe: *We don't want to ruin the ending for anyone, but 50 doesn't die trying.*



ARTIST: HANNOCH DIVEN

THE OUTFIT

Xbox 360 • THQ

The Hype: Experience intense WWII combat through war-torn environments as you take on the Nazi War Machine. Choose from three playable squad leader personalities in missions ranging from reconnaissance and rescue to search and destroy. Take on enemies with an explosive arsenal of WWII weapons and vehicles including Machine Guns, Bazookas, MG 42 Stationary Machine Guns, Tanks, Half-Tracks, and armored vehicles.

The Snipe: *The fact that troops are well-equipped and have properly armored vehicles may make the game too unrealistic for some*



MUSIC

AT WAR WITH THE MYSTICS THE FLAMING LIPS

Warner Bros. Records • April 4

The Hype: Although the latest from The Flaming Lips is influenced by frustration with the Bush Administration, the war in Iraq and the fanaticism that surrounds it all, *At War With the Mystics* preaches an "existential acceptance" of the situation.



The Snipe: Existential acceptance? We're dancing already!

GAME

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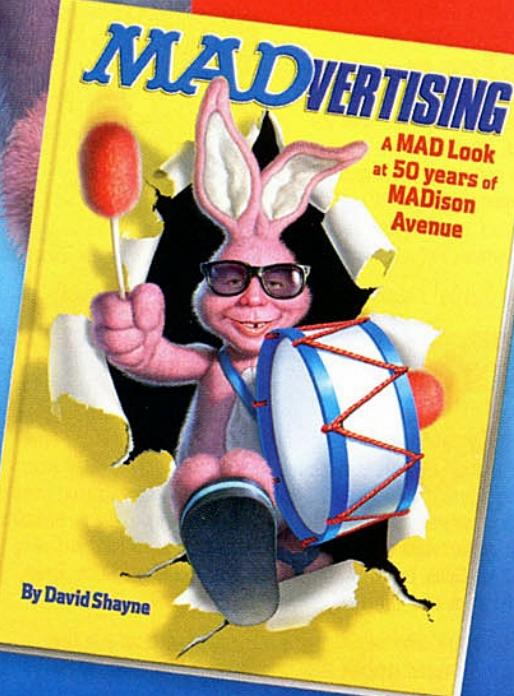
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ROBOT CHICKEN DVD SEASON ONE

Warner Home Video • March 28

The Hype: Old-school stop-motion animation and fast-paced satire are the hallmarks of this eclectic show. Action figures find new life as players in frenetic sketch-comedy vignettes that skewer TV, movies, music and celebrities.

The Snipe:

Expect Pamela Anderson to announce her boycott of this DVD because of the show's "cruel and unusual treatment of robot chickens."



MUSIC

SHOW YOUR BONES THE YEAH YEAH YEAHS

Interscope Records • March 28

The Hype: This is the second album from the NYC trio, who went from underground heroes to mainstream darlings, thanks to 2003's *Fever to Tell* (with its haunting single "Maps"). The new album's title, according to frontwoman Karen O., describes what happens when you put your finger in a light socket.

The Snipe: Good call on the title — the album probably wouldn't sell as well if it was called *Die a Horrible, Painful Death by Electrocution*.



GAME

STATE OF EMERGENCY 2

PS2 • SouthPeak Interactive

The Hype: Grittier and more realistic than its predecessor and with a highly involving single-player story mode, *State of Emergency 2* takes place four years after the original and has Spanky, MacNeil, Bull and the rest of the Freedom movement once again battling to rid the world of the oppressive Corporation, an evil corporate dictatorship that is intent on the global enslavement of the masses.

The Snipe: What better way to assert your freedom and battle the evil corporate dictatorship than by purchasing yet another video game?

GAME

TYCOON CITY: NEW YORK

PC • Atari, Inc.

The Hype: New York City comes alive in *Tycoon City: New York*, the first and only *Tycoon* game that simulates a real-world city and gives players the ability to create and customize over 100 types of major businesses, including running a hot nightclub, overseeing a media conglomerate, or opening a lucrative Broadway theater — the choices are endless. As the player progresses, he or she is rewarded by unlocking many of the iconic monuments of New York City, including the Statue of Liberty and Empire State Building.

The Snipe: As of press time it was unclear if the iconic monuments of New York City include Trump's hair.



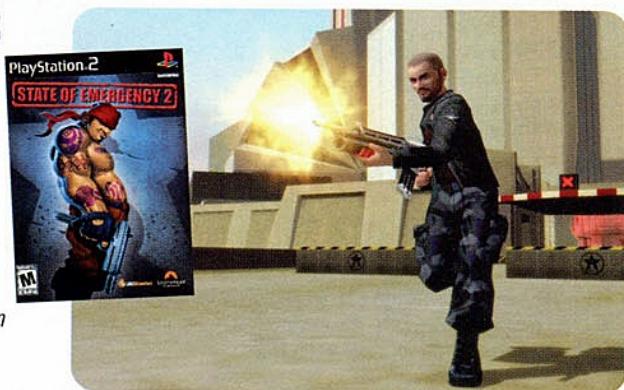
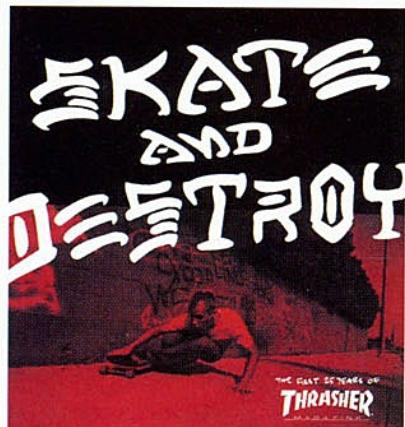
BOOK

SKATE AND DESTROY — 25 YEARS OF THRASHER MAGAZINE

Rizzoli Publications • \$32.50 • 288 pages • April

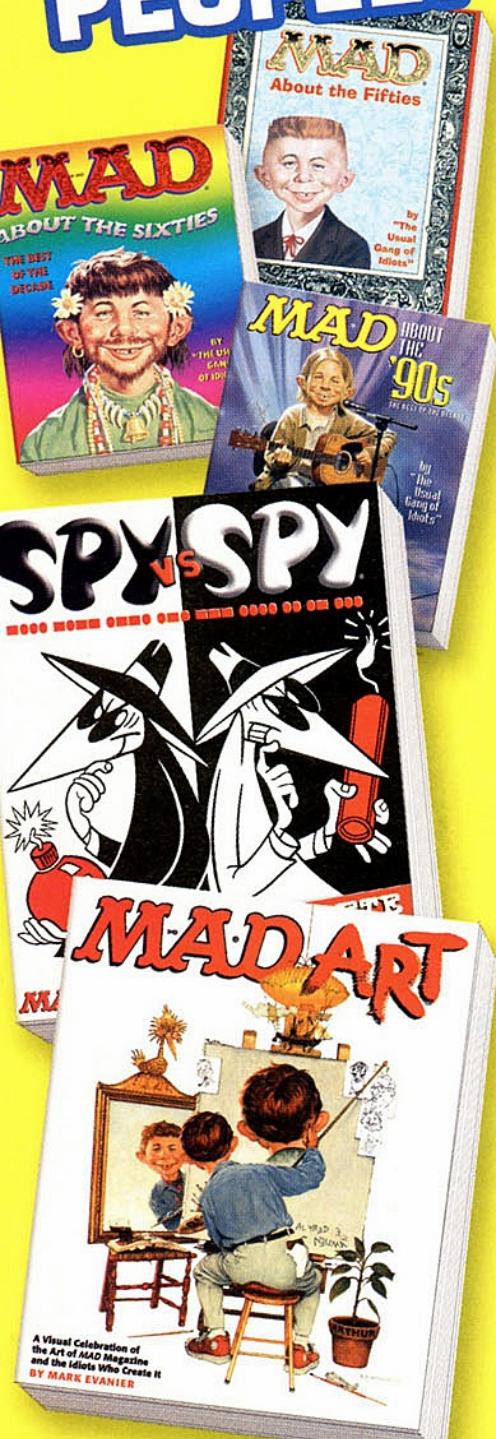
The Hype: This book recounts skateboarding's twists and turns of the last two decades with reprints of the magazine's original columns ("Photograffiti", "Zounds" and "Trash" among others) and unpublished photos, rejected covers, interview outtakes and detailed profiles.

The Snipe: Looking at photos of gifted skateboarders is always fun — hopefully there are a lot of pictures of the boarders writhing in pain after bashing their nads on rails!



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WHO SAYS BOOKS ARE JUST FOR SMART PEOPLE?



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YOU IN REVERSE BUILT TO SPILL

Warner Bros. Records • April 11

The Hype: *You In Reverse* arrives as the most collaborative record in the band's thirteen year history. This album documents the newest branch of Built To Spill's chaotic, yet elegant evolution.

The Snipe: *Note to Christian Fundamentalists: Feel free to refer to it as the newest branch of their chaotic, yet elegant intelligent design.*

MUSIC



GAME

TIMESHIFT

Xbox, Xbox 360, PC • Atari

The Hype: Gamers assume the role of renowned test pilot Colonel Michael Swift, who is briefly sent back in time to 1911 to plant an experimental probe. Upon his return to the present, a shift has occurred. Swift is now both on the run and on a mission to set time straight once again. The unprecedented technology behind *TimeShift* will allow gamers, for the first time, the ability to slow, stop and reverse the flow of time while remaining completely unaffected.

The Snipe: *Slow, stop and reverse the flow of time, eh? Sounds like what Bush is trying to do with his Supreme Court picks.*



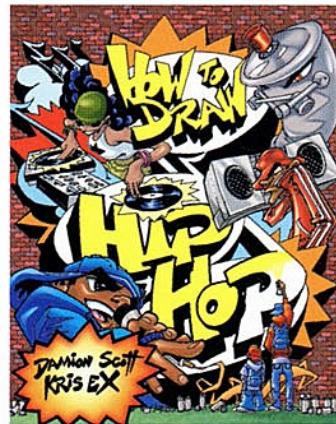
BOOK

HOW TO DRAW HIP-HOP DAMION SCOTT AND KRIS EX

Watson-Guptil • \$19.95 • 144 pages • March

The Hype: This book explains drawing basics and construction of the hip-hop look. Learn ways to capture the style and spirit of the B-boy and the B-girl and how to draw hip-hop gear, environments, characters and graffiti.

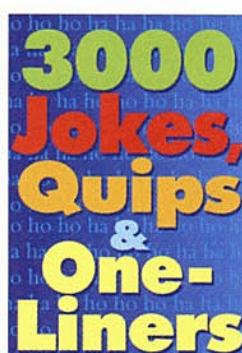
The Snipe: *Yo yo yo! What better way to capture the "spirit and style" of the hip-hop world than to read a book about it — isn't this how 50 Cent got started?*



BOOK

3000 JOKES, QUIPS & ONE-LINERS

Edited by Dave Phillips
Random House • \$7.99 • 288 pages • March



The Hype: There are hundreds of one-liners and longer jokes on subjects including animals, families, food and drink, dating and education included in this book.

The Snipe: *Animals? Families? Dating? Even though these topics are included, we're betting the joke they told in The Aristocrats didn't make the cut!*

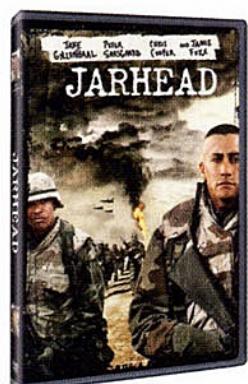
DVD

JARHEAD

Universal Studios Home Entertainment • March 7

The Hype: Jamie Foxx and Jake Gyllenhaal star in this unconventional war story. During the first Gulf War, Gyllenhaal and his fellow Marines sustain themselves with sardonic humanity and wicked comedy against an enemy they can't see, for a cause they don't fully grasp.

The Snipe: *Jake Gyllenhaal and some other dude out in the wilds of Iraq, relying on each other to get through the hardships? They should just cash in on the fad and rename this movie Brokeback Mosul!*



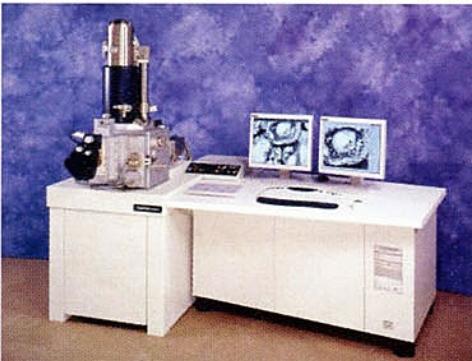
THE MUST-HAVE!

THE CAMSCAN 3000 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

OBDUCAT

The Hype: The CamScan 3000 features full PC control, large chambers, low vacuum operation and fully integrated precision eucentric stages. In addition to the smaller footprint and Turbo pump vacuum control, the 18" LCD displays, cordless mouse and keyboard make this an attractive and easy instrument to own and operate.

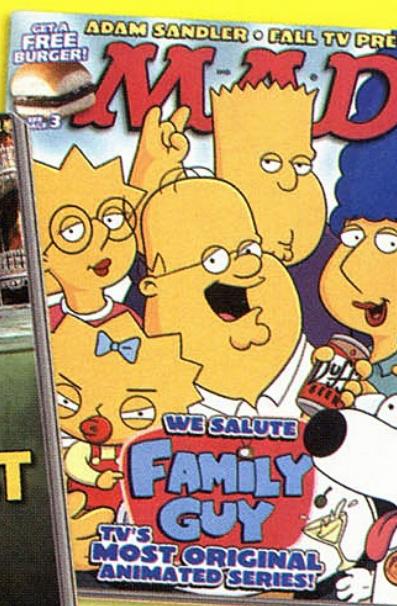
The Snipe: *Christmas can't come soon enough!*



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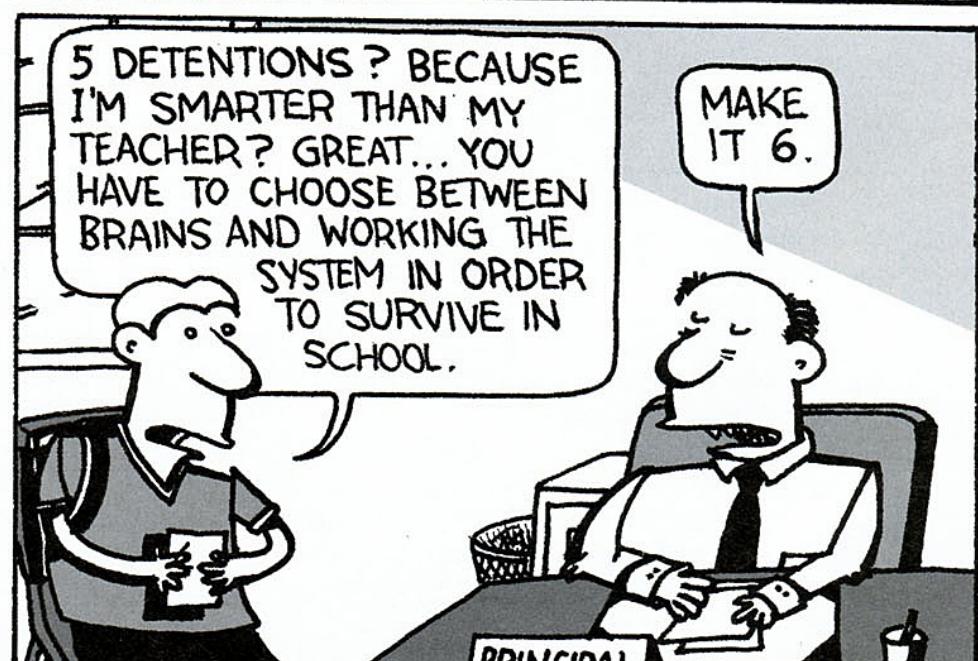
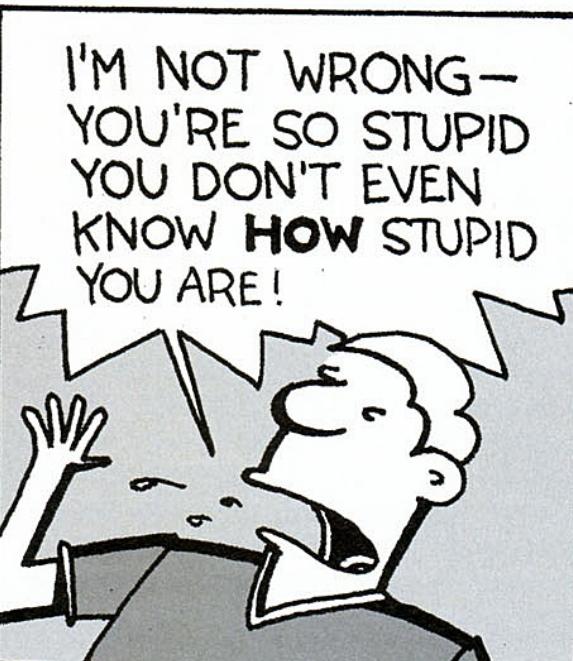
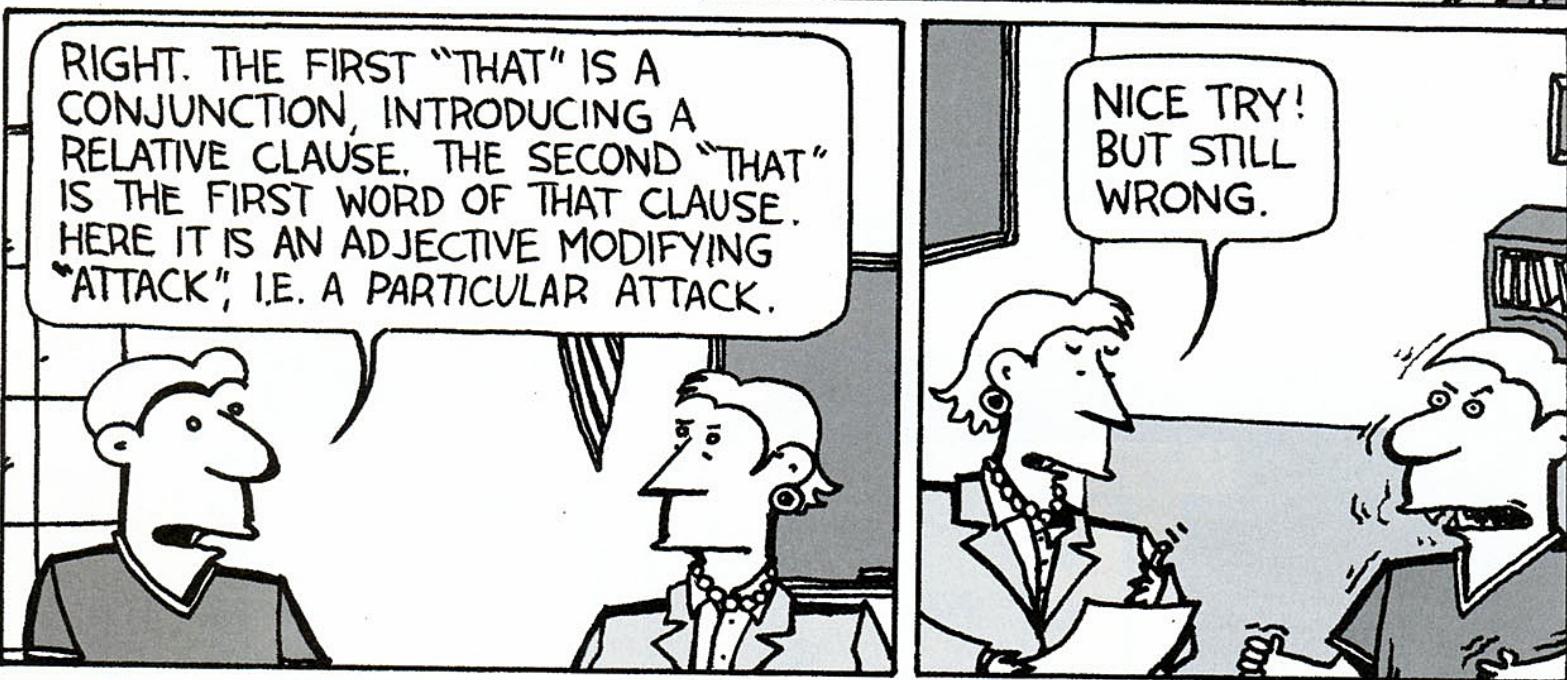
TEEN TITANS

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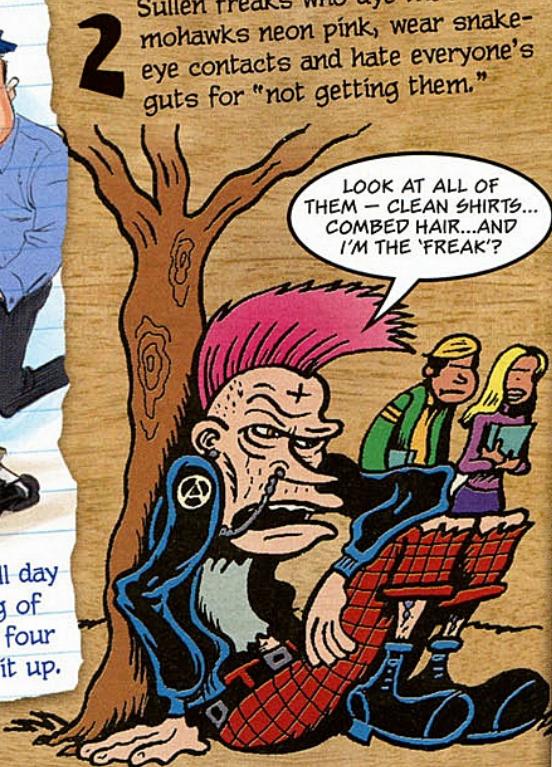
A PAIN IN THE CLASS DEPT.

There are over a million, but due to space limitations, we can only present...

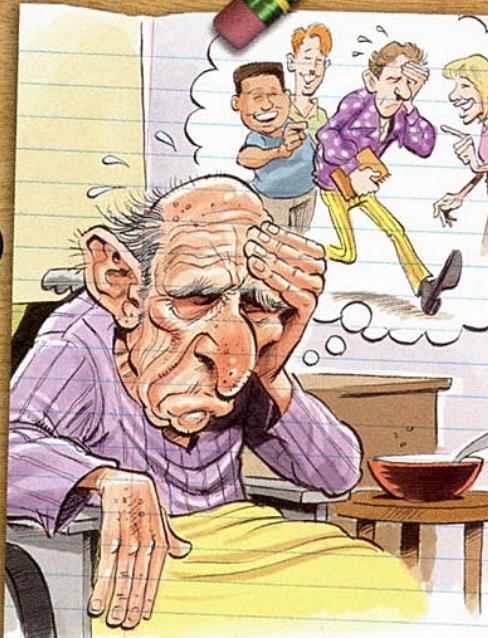
35 SCHOLARLY REASONS WHY SCHOOL SUCKS



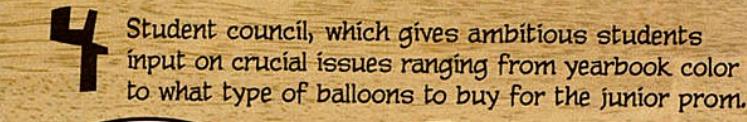
1 After-school showdowns that get hyped all day like a Tyson fight, and end up consisting of two weaklings slapping at each other for four seconds before a security guard breaks it up.



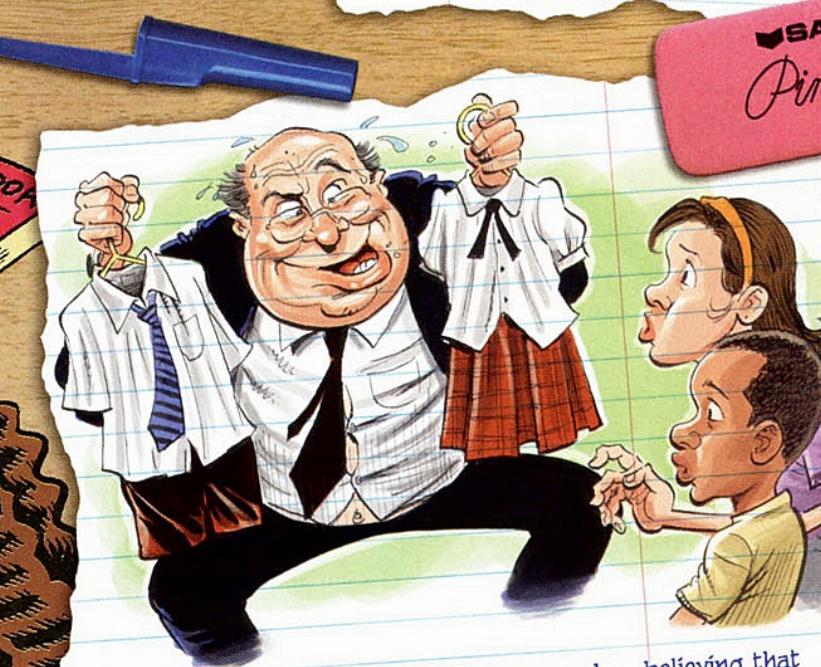
2 Sullen freaks who dye their mohawks neon pink, wear snake-eye contacts and hate everyone's guts for "not getting them."



3 Wearing "the wrong thing" to school, a humiliation that only lasts for six hours, but will scar you to the core for the rest of your years.



4 Student council, which gives ambitious students input on crucial issues ranging from yearbook color to what type of balloons to buy for the junior prom.



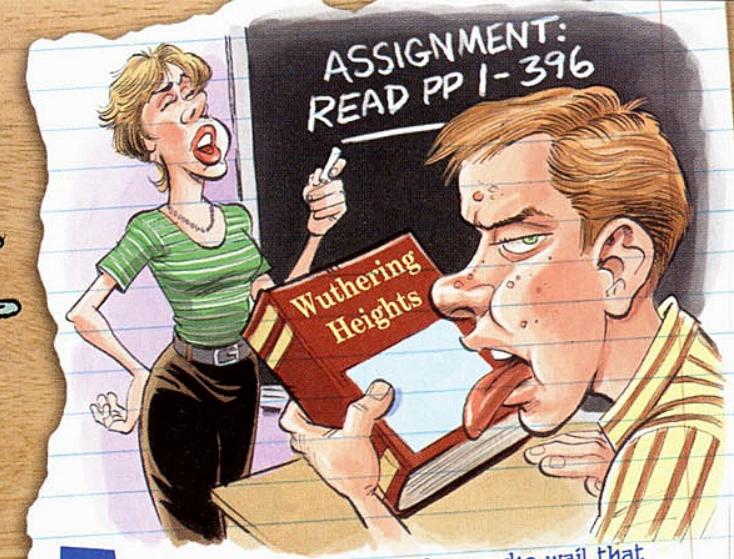
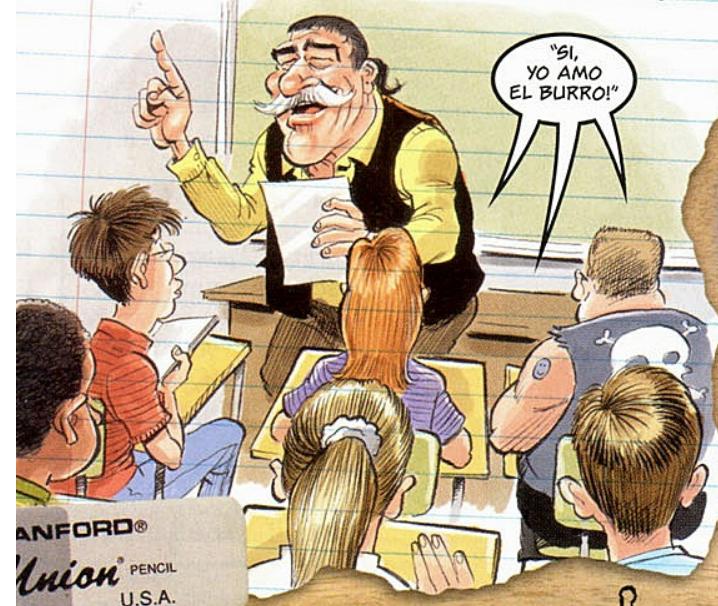
5 Schools that enforce strict dress codes, believing that students learn better when they're dressed like Applebee's waiters or centerfolds from Hustler's Barely Legal.



Post-Columbine paranoia that makes you a target of suspicion because you love shoot-em-up video games and heavy metal — just like eighty bajillion other teenagers.



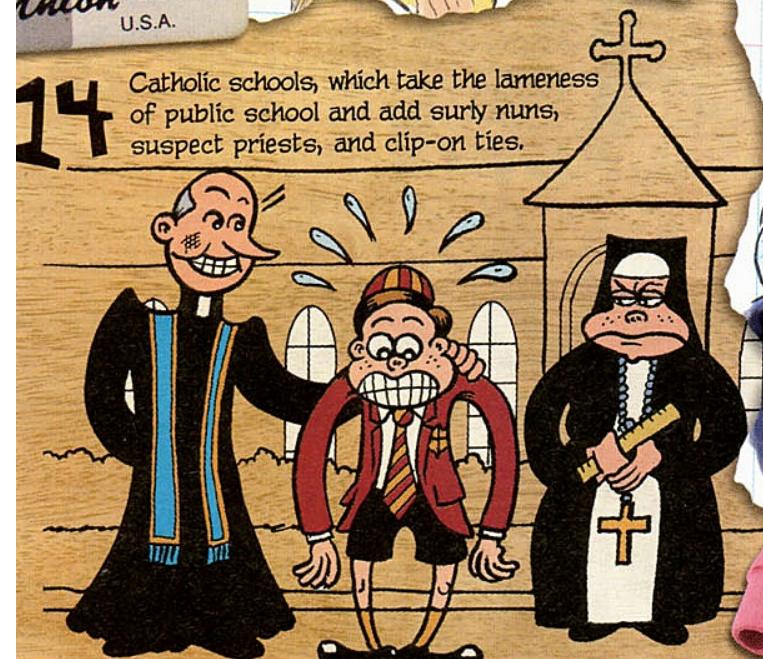
10 Interminable Spanish classes, where you'll sacrifice precious weeks of your life to learn valuable phrases like "Yes, I love the donkey."



7 Pretentious English teachers, who wail that "nobody reads anymore," then promptly assign you unreadable garbage like *Wuthering Heights*.



11 Slave-driving teachers who assign mountains of homework each night, and can't fathom why you always fall asleep in class.



15 History teachers who can memorize microscopic details about the Whiskey Rebellion, but can't get your name right 'til mid-April.

8 Epic snowstorms, which result in pure, school-cancelling bliss — then blindsight you with make-up days right when you're itching to start the summer.



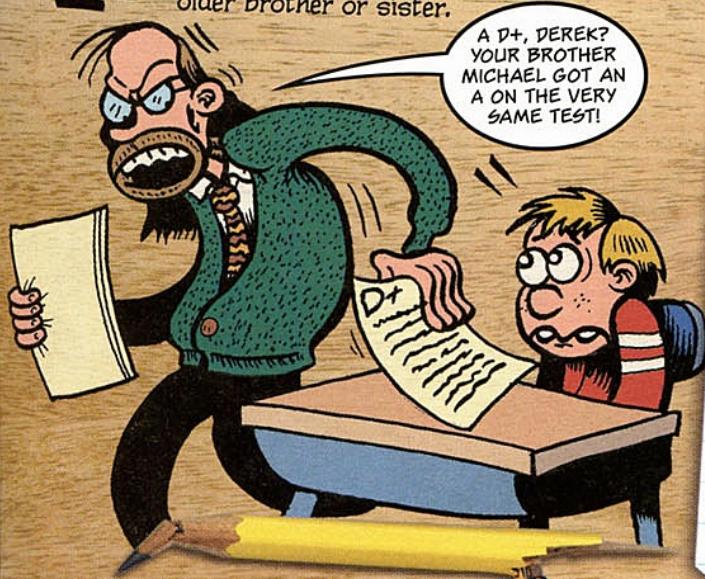
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"Spirit days," which operate on the dubious premise that the only thing separating students from loving school is "Wacky Hat Wednesday."



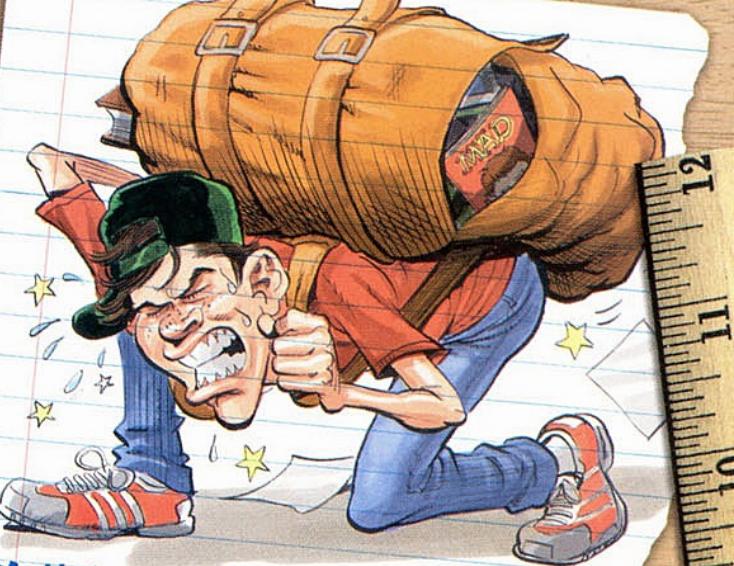
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Annoying teachers who refuse to forget that they once taught your overachieving older brother or sister.



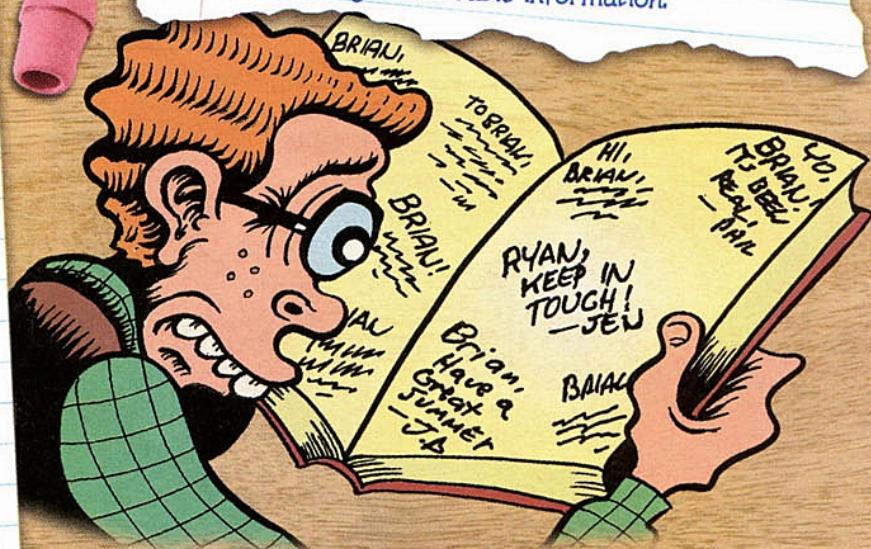
9 Having to drag around half a ton of textbooks, which contain a combined four ounces' worth of interesting, memorable information.

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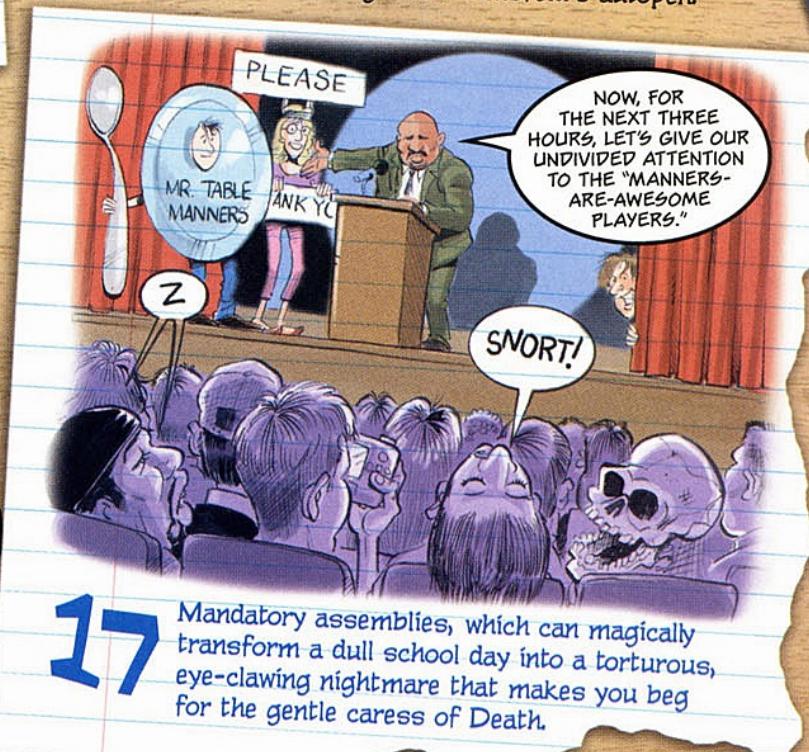
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Nervously asking your lifelong crush to sign your yearbook — and getting a message about as heartfelt as something from Rumsfeld's autopen.



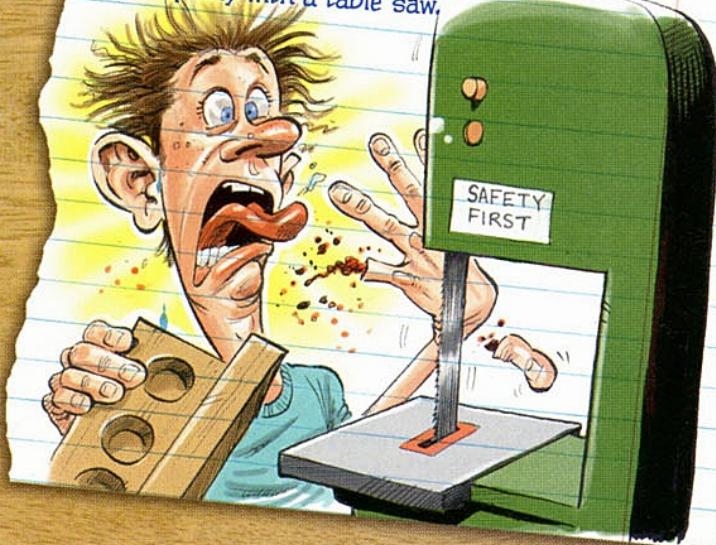
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Mandatory assemblies, which can magically transform a dull school day into a torturous, eye-clawing nightmare that makes you beg for the gentle caress of Death.



18

Wood shop, which imparts invaluable life skills — like how to slice off your left pinky with a table saw.



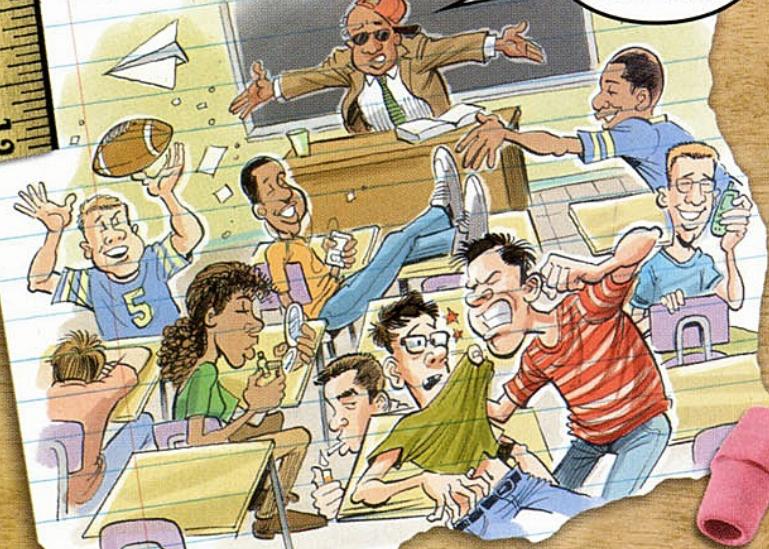
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Oral reports, which always induce sweating, nausea and hives — even though your teacher and classmates never actually listen to a word you're saying.



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Self-consciously "cool" teachers, who foolishly assume that you'll respect them just because they're "down" with hip-hop lingo from 1998.

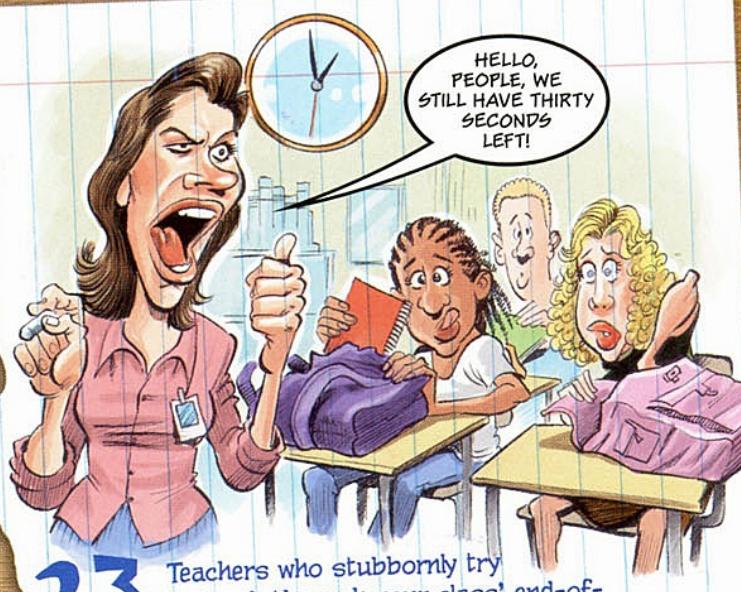


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Teachers who tell you "just relax and focus" while taking a standardized test, after they've spent months insisting that how you do on it will determine the course and quality of the rest of your existence.

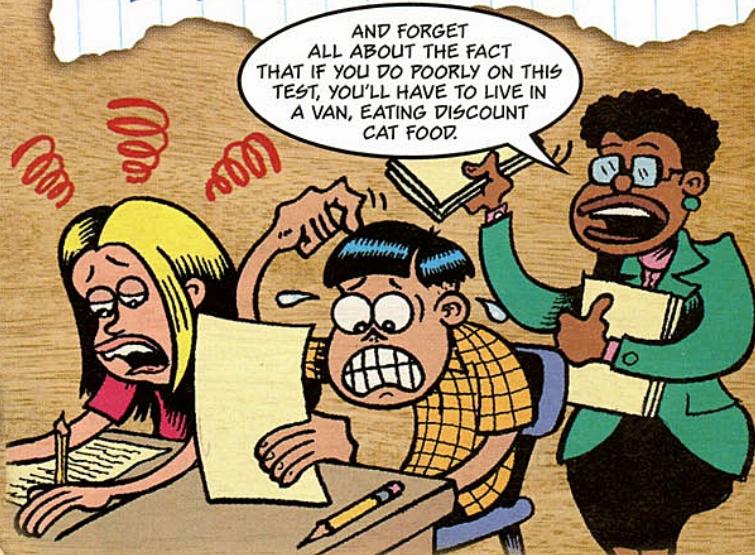
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School buses, an asylum on wheels where rules, regulations, and your backpack all routinely get tossed out the window.



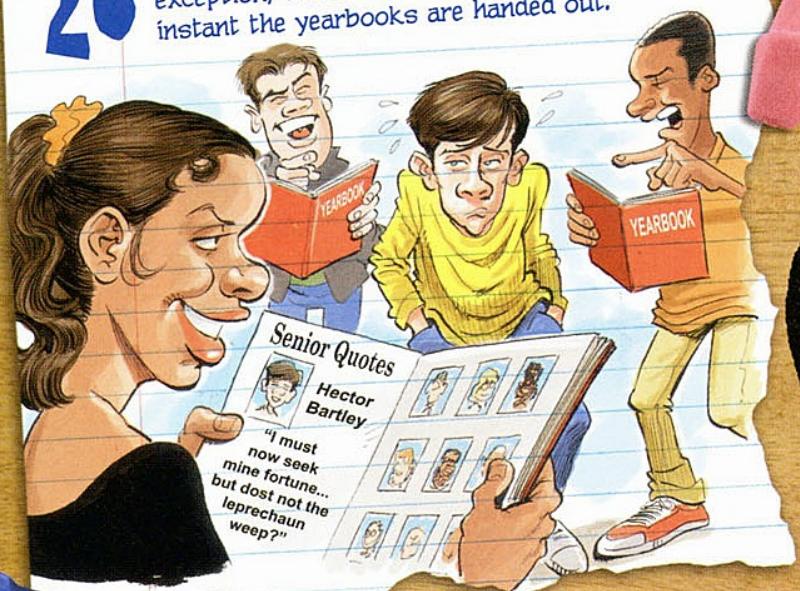
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Teachers who stubbornly try to teach through your class' end-of-period paper-shuffling and bag-zipping.



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"Profound" senior quotes, which, without exception, will seem monumen-tally trite the instant the yearbooks are handed out.



MAN, WE COULD VAPORIZE THOSE KIDS... BUT THEY LOCKED THE DOOR AND WENT IN THE CORNER!

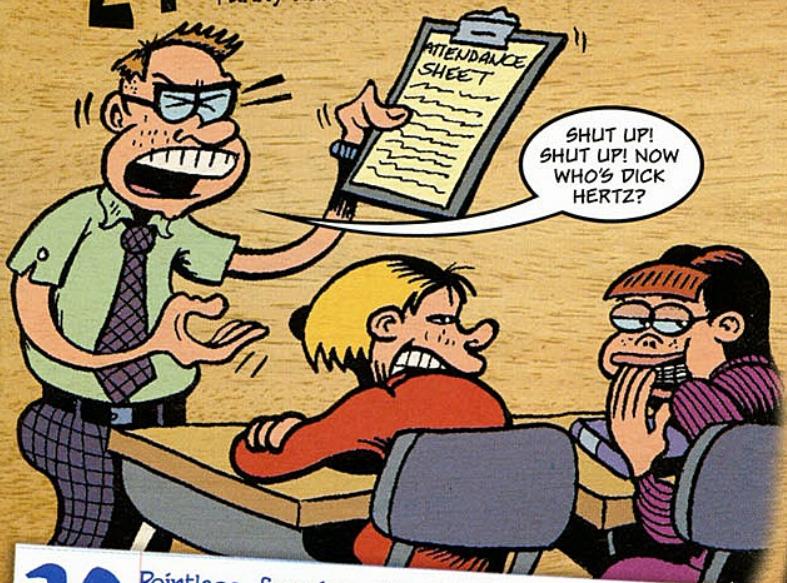


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Anti-terrorism lock-down drills — because uzi-wielding madmen are no match for locked classroom doors and organized huddling.

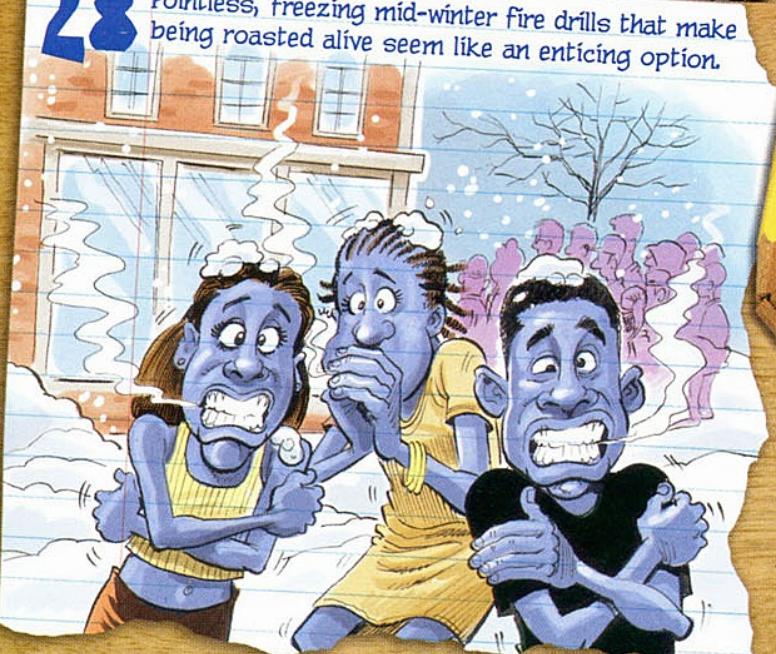
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Substitute teachers who somehow expect your class to behave, despite failing the crucial "funny name" test on the attendance sheet.



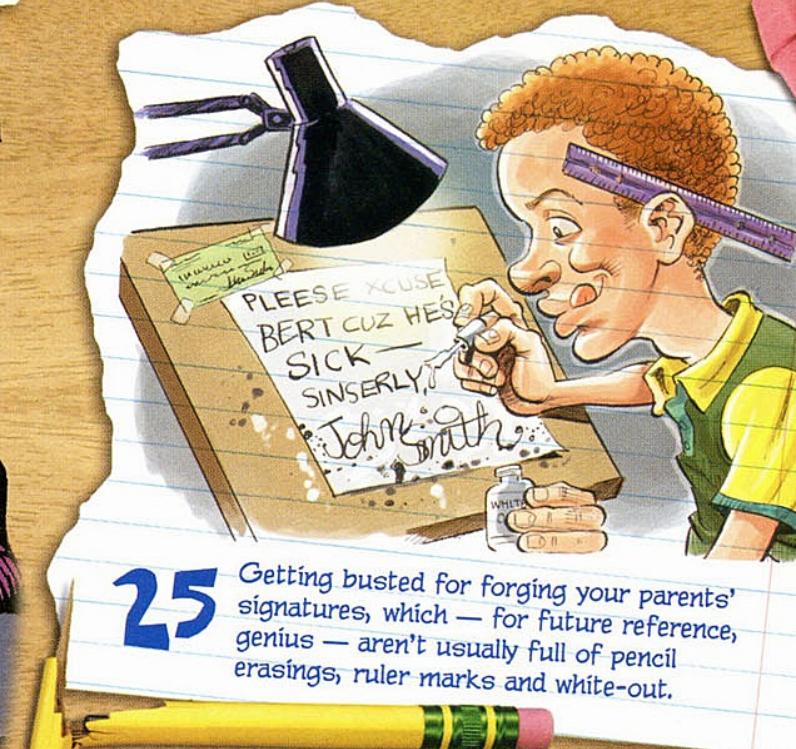
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Pointless, freezing mid-winter fire drills that make being roasted alive seem like an enticing option.



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Getting busted for forging your parents' signatures, which — for future reference, genius — aren't usually full of pencil erasings, ruler marks and white-out.



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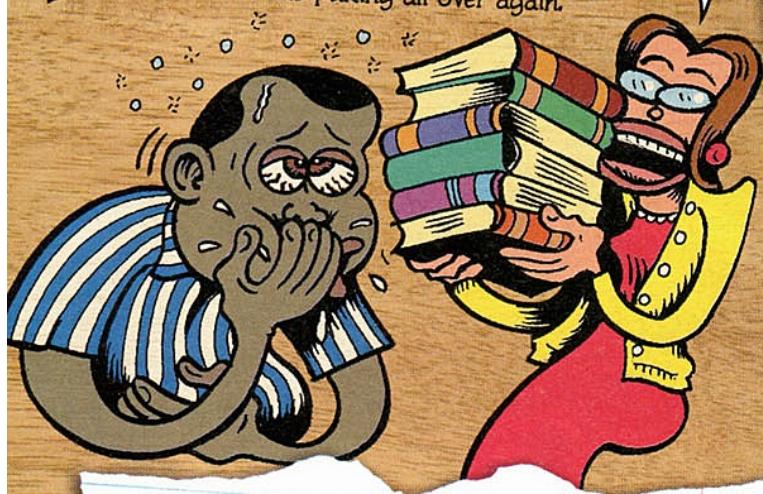
Being unjustly sent to the principal's office, where you'll have as much chance to explain what really happened as a hogtied Guantanamo detainee.



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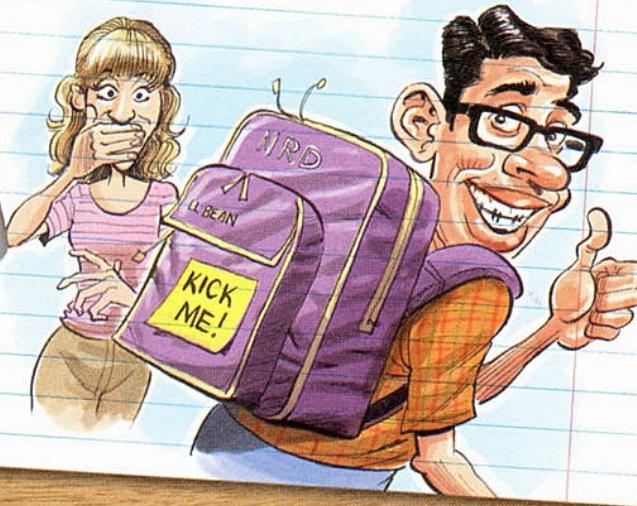
Missing school because of the flu — and then getting buried under so much make-up work that you feel like puking all over again.

OH YES, AND YOU
NEED TO GIVE ME A
TEN-PAGE REPORT ON
PAGES 42 TO 563
BY MONDAY.



31

Those dorky monogrammed L.L. Bean backpacks. You might as well just have a "Kick me, I'm an A-hole" sign.



31

Scary school bathrooms, where you'll learn the hard way that the bully-administered "swirly" is no far-fetched urban legend.

FRANKLY, I DON'T
CARE WHO STARTED IT,
OR WHO'S BLEEDING
INTERNALY — THE
RULES ARE THE
RULES!

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Super-strict "zero-tolerance" rules on fighting that get you in just as much trouble as the hulking mongoloid who just cheerfully collapsed your kidney.

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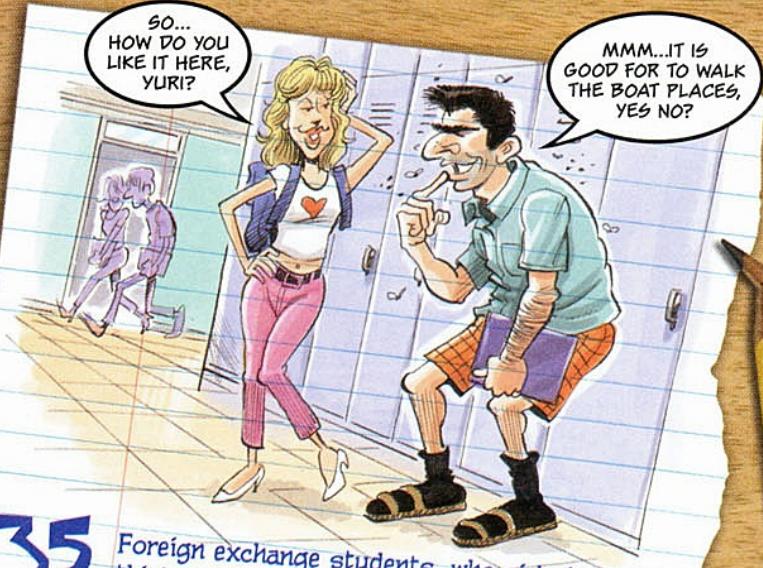
Visiting military recruiters who think they can con you into going to the one place you can think of that's actually worse than high school.

IT'LL BE
LIKE LIVING IN A
VIDEO GAME —
BUT COOLER!



35

Foreign exchange students, who girls inevitably think are "mysterious", just because they wear weird socks and speak in baffling non-sequiturs.



WHAT "LOST"
CHARACTER DO
MANY FEEL IS NOT
GETTING ENOUGH
ATTENTION?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS
MAD FOLD-IN

There's one character who used to get a lot of coverage, but lately seems to be pushed to the back burner. No one knows why this person is not getting the notice they deserve. To find out who this neglected character is, fold page in as shown.



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FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



QUESTION FOR THOSE IN CHARGE: WHY PURP-
OSELY HIDE SOMEONE? DO YOU HEIGHTEN DRAMA
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LASTING PUBLIC ACCLAIM BY CAUSING THE SUDDEN
RE-APPEARANCE OF A LOST CHARACTER.

A

WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

B

WHAT "LOST"
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